



From left, Judge Advocate General of the Army Lt. Gen. Dana Chipman; Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno; Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey; and Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Brig. Gen. Richard Gross, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2013, to testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on pending legislation regarding sexual assaults in the military.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## US Military plays defense in sex-assault hearing

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. senators dressed down senior military leaders Tuesday, led by female lawmakers, combat veterans and former prosecutors who insisted that sexual assault in the ranks has cost the services the trust and respect of the American

people as well as the nation's men and women in uniform.

Summoned to Congress, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the beribboned four-star chiefs of the service branches conceded in an extraordinary hearing that they had faltered in dealing with sexual assault.

One speaker said assaults were "like a cancer" in the military.

But they strongly opposed congressional efforts to strip commanders of their traditional authority to decide whether to level charges in their units.

Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, especially the panel's seven female senators,

grilled the chiefs about whether the military's mostly male leadership understands differences between relatively minor sexual offenses and serious crimes that deserve swift and decisive justice.

"Not every single commander necessarily wants women in the force."

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## France, Britain confirm use of sarin gas in Syria

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**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — France said Tuesday it has confirmed that the nerve gas sarin was used "multiple times and in a localized way" in Syria, including at least once by the regime.

It was the most specific

claim by any Western power about chemical weapons attacks in the 27-month-old conflict.

Britain later said that tests it conducted on samples taken from Syria also were positive for sarin.

The back-to-back announcements left many questions unanswered,

highlighting the difficulties of confirming from a distance whether combatants in Syria have crossed the "red line" previously set by President Barack Obama.

The regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad has refused to allow U.N. investigators into the country.

The French and British findings, based on samples taken from Syria, came hours after a U.N. team said it had "reasonable grounds" to suspect small-scale use of toxic chemicals in at least four attacks in March and April.

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## Europe Floods Claim 10 Lives

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**BERLIN (AP)** — Germany dispatched thousands of soldiers Tuesday to help cities and towns cope with flooding from the rain-soaked Danube and other southern rivers — reinforcements that came a day after the Bavarian city of Passau saw its worst flooding since 1501.

The death toll rose to at least 10, including seven in the neighboring Czech Republic, where a man was found dead in the water in eastern Bohemia. Another nine people have been reported missing in



German chancellor Angela Merkel helps Saxony governor Stanislaw Tillich, left, as she visits the flooded town of Pirna, Germany Tuesday June 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/dpa, Arno Burgi)

the floods that have also swept through Austria and Switzerland.

Chancellor Angela Merkel toured flooded German regions, pledging 100 million euros (\$130 million) in immediate federal help and holding out the possibility for more. She told reporters in Passau, a city of 50,000 on the Austrian border, that the damage looked even worse than during the massive flooding that hit central Europe in 2002.

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## Death toll hits 10 in Europe flooding

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Some 5,000 German soldiers were called in as well as more than 2,000 federal disaster workers and 700 federal police to sandbag areas in danger of flooding and provide other assistance. Water levels were still rising in major rivers such as the Danube and Elbe as well as tributaries.

In the Czech Republic, authorities evacuated animals from the Prague zoo and closed a major bridge in the capital on Tuesday.

The rain in Prague has halted but the Vltava river that runs through the city and flows into the Elbe was still raging, with currents and water levels far exceeding the norm. The famous Charles Bridge was closed as a precaution.

On the outskirts of Prague, a major Staropramen beer brewery on the river bank was closed as a protective measure — as were several major chemical factories. One of them — Spolana — released dangerous toxic chemicals into the Elbe

during the devastating floods of 2002.

Authorities said the level of the Vltava in Prague has now begun to drop but excess water was expected to soon hit the Elba river, into which it flows downstream.

This year's spike in water levels has been far less than in 2002 so far, but still forced the Prague Zoo to evacuate animals after the lower side of the park was submerged and will once again need major reconstruction. □



**Rudolf (11) crosses the flooded market place of the city of Wehlen at river Elbe, Germany, Tuesday, June 4, 2013. After heavy rainfalls, swollen rivers flooded areas in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Czech Republic.**

(AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

## Syria chemical weapons use

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The U.N. probe was conducted from outside Syria's borders, based on interviews with doctors and witnesses of purported attacks and a review of amateur videos from Syria. The team said solid evidence will remain elusive until inspectors can collect samples from victims directly or from the sites of alleged attacks.

Some experts cautioned that the type of evidence currently available to investigators — videos, witness reports and physiological samples of uncertain origin

— leaves wide doubts.

At the same time, forensic evidence of alleged chemical weapons use is fading away with time, and the longer U.N. inspectors are kept out of Syria, the harder it will be to collect conclusive proof, they said.

Syria is suspected of having one of the world's largest chemical weapons arsenals, including mustard and nerve gas, such as sarin. In recent weeks, the regime and those trying to topple Assad have increasingly used accusations of chemical weapons as a propaganda tool, but have offered no solid

proof.

In the West, meanwhile, the lack of certainty about such allegations is linked to a high stakes political debate over whether the U.S. should get more involved in the Syria conflict, including by arming those fighting Assad.

Obama has been reluctant to send weapons to the Syrian rebels, in part because of the presence of Islamic militants among them. Obama has warned that the use of chemical weapons or their transfer to a terrorist group would cross a "red line," hinting at forceful intervention in such an event. □

## New push at OAS for U.S. to change anti-drug approach

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**Associated Press**

**ANTIGUA, Guatemala**

**(AP)** — Latin American countries frustrated by the United States' refusal to change its drug war strategy will push at a conference beginning Tuesday for the U.S. government to start discussing alternative approaches to a fight that has killed tens of thousands in a region beset by drug cartels.

Guatemalan Foreign Relations Secretary Fernando Carrera said the subject of drugs will top the agenda at the Organization of American States' General Assembly, which opens a three-day session in Antigua.

"We have already reached a consensus and agreed that our final declaration will include changes to the current anti-drug model," Carrera said. "We already have some ideas on how to change drug-fighting policies."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs William R. Brownfield are scheduled to attend the meeting, which comes two weeks after the OAS released a report calling for a serious discussion on legalizing marijuana.

But the study doesn't make specific proposals and found there is "no significant support" among the OAS's 35 member states for legalizing cocaine, the illegal drug with the greatest impact on Latin America, or other harsher drugs. The study was commissioned after some Latin American leaders called on President Barack Obama to rethink the war on drugs at last year's Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia.

It urges "assessing existing signals and trends that lean toward the decriminalization or legalization of the production, sale and use of marijuana. Sooner or later decisions in this area will need to be taken."

Among those countries

pushing for a dialogue on drugs in the Western Hemisphere are many who have been close allies of the United States' fight against drugs, including Colombia and Guatemala.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos was among those urging a discussion of legalization.

He said that while his country extradites hundreds of alleged drug traffickers for trial in the U.S., criminals turn to other countries where law enforcement is weaker. Central America and Mexico in particular have been hit hard as traffickers shifted operations there.

President Otto Perez Molina of Guatemala, a hard-hit cocaine transit country along with neighboring Honduras, made headlines shortly after taking power last year when he proposed legalizing drugs. Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto has implemented a new policy for cooperating with the U.S. that is a dramatic shift from the direct sharing of resources and intelligence between U.S. and Mexican law enforcement under former President Felipe Calderon. Neither Santos nor Pena Nieto will be attending the meeting.

"The message has been sent that the hemisphere wants to look at alternative approaches and wants the United States to be part of that discussion," said Cynthia Arnson, director of the Latin American program at the Washington-based Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Arnson said Latin American leaders will use the meeting to spur a discussion that can be sustained as countries try to go forward with a new strategy.

"Latin American countries will mostly be looking for ways to diminish the violence and the negative effects on their societies and their economies posed by organized crime and they may increasingly diverge with the United States over what policies to adapt," she said. □



## US to auction offshore wind energy leases

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**WASHINGTON** - The federal government will hold the first lease sale for commercial offshore wind energy projects at the end of July, the Interior Department announced Tuesday.

The sale will offer 164,750 acres of federal waters off the coasts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. If that is fully developed, officials said, it could produce as much as 3,400 megawatts of electricity, enough to power more than 1 million homes.

The lease sale shows the Obama administration's determination to pursue a wide range of domestic energy production, from both fossil fuels and renewable sources.

Sally Jewell, the new secretary of the interior, said the department would accelerate offshore wind leasing if the July 31 lease sale was successful.

"Today we are moving closer to tapping into the enormous potential offered by offshore wind to create jobs, increase our sustainability and strengthen our nation's competitiveness in this new energy frontier," Jewell said in a statement.

"As we experience record domestic oil and gas development, we are also working to ensure that America leads the world in developing the energy of the future."

Jewell's predecessor, Ken Salazar, started the push toward Atlantic Coast wind energy in 2010, identifying a number of sites with significant potential.

Federal, state and private officials have also begun planning a major undersea transmission line known as the Atlantic Wind Connection to carry power from offshore turbines to on-shore distribution centers. The first federal lease sale will be limited to nine bidders who have met the technical, legal and financial qualifications to build offshore turbine farms. □

## Judge accepts insanity plea in Holmes case

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Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colorado (AP)

— A judge on Tuesday accepted a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity from the suspect in the deadly Colorado movie theater shooting, setting the stage for a lengthy mental evaluation.

James Holmes, a former graduate student, is accused of opening fire in a packed Denver-area movie theater last summer, killing 12 people and injuring 70. He is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder, and prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The July 20 massacre was one of several mass shootings that jolted the U.S. debate over gun violence, and it helped prompt Colorado to adopt significant statewide gun control laws this year.

At Tuesday's hearing, the court clerk placed a written advisory of the ground rules of the plea before Holmes so he could examine it as Judge Carlos Samour Jr. read through all 18 points. When Samour asked if he had any questions, Holmes replied no in a clear, firm voice. Samour then accepted the plea.



Aurora theater shooting suspect James Holmes yawns during a hearing in court in Centennial, Colo., on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Holmes was allowed to change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity.

(AP Photo/Andy Cross, Pool)

Samour also determined prosecutors can have access to a notebook that Holmes sent to a psychiatrist before the rampage. Holmes' lawyers repeatedly have said he is mentally ill, but they delayed the insanity plea while arguing state laws were unconstitutional. They said the laws could hobble the defense if Holmes' case should ever reach the phase where the jury decides if he should be executed.

The judge rejected that argument last week.

Samour on Tuesday ordered Holmes to undergo a mental evaluation at a state hospital, but it could be a while before that happens. Doctors want to review the 40,000 pages of evidence in the case first. Samour set a tentative deadline of Aug. 2 for Holmes' evaluation but indicated he would grant more time if doctors want it. Legal arguments also could delay the evaluation. Prosecutors are fighting defense requests to sit in on the evaluation and

get a first look at the results. Marcus Weaver, who was wounded and lost his friend Rebecca Wingo in the shooting, doesn't believe Holmes is insane but is grateful the case is moving forward.

"As we've seen evidence and seen the case unfold, it's become more evident that Mr. Holmes did what he did, and it had nothing to do with his mental state," he said. The insanity plea is widely seen as Holmes' best chance of avoiding execution, and possibly his only chance.

Hundreds of people were watching a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" at the Aurora theater when the shooting occurred. The dead included a Navy veteran who threw himself in front of his friends to shield them, an aspiring sports journalist who had survived a mall shooting just two months earlier, and a 6-year-old girl.

Prosecutors say Holmes spent months buying weapons, ammunition and materials for explosives and scouted the theater in advance.

He donned police-style body armor, tossed a gas canister into the seats and opened fire, they say. □

## Christie calls election in October to fill senate seat

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In a decision fraught with political implications, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey announced Tuesday that he would schedule a special election in October for the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Frank R. Lautenberg on Monday.

The move was expected to draw criticism from Democrats in the state, arguing that such a move by Christie, a Republican, would amount to squandering taxpayer money to protect his own political ambitions. Scheduling a special election rather than adding the vote for the Senate seat to the November ballot would cost millions of dollars.

A special Oct. 16 ballot

means the choice of a new senator will not overshadow the race for governor, which will now remain at the top of statewide ballots in November. Republicans in the state are counting on Christie, who has been hoping that a landslide reelection victory will help propel a possible run for president in 2016, to draw his supporters to the polls, helping Republican candidates for the state Legislature and for many local offices.

Republicans nationally were pressing him to opt for an interpretation that would allow him to delay an election until November 2014. That would have allowed Christie's choice of an interim senator, presum-

ably from his own party, to give Republicans in the Senate the gift of an extra vote - complicating efforts by the White House and congressional Democrats to advance their agenda, including overhauling immigration laws and pushing through presidential nominations.

Just as important, it would let a Republican enjoy a year and a half of incumbency - perhaps enough to counteract Democrats' natural advantages in a state where they outnumber Republicans by 700,000 registered voters and where Republican have not won a Senate election in 41 years.

Democrats, meanwhile, were pressing Christie to add the Senate contest to

the state ballot in November.

But Republican insiders said Christie and others in his party were leery of drawing to the polls Democrats excited about the Senate contest.

A primary election will also be held in August, Christie said, allowing voters rather than party leaders to select the candidates for the seats.

Likely contenders on the Democratic side are Mayor Cory A. Booker of Newark, who several months ago had announced his intention to seek the seat in 2014, and Rep. Frank Pallone of Long Branch, who has accumulated a large campaign war chest and has long aspired to higher office. □



# Tax agency officials get favors at \$4M conference

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Already under siege, the U.S. government's tax collection agency was criticized by a government watchdog Tuesday for a \$4.1 million training conference featuring luxury rooms and free drinks, even as conservative figures told Congress they had been abused for years as they sought tax-exempt status. A total of 132 agency officials received room upgrades at the 2010 conference in Anaheim, California, according to the report being released by J. Russell George, the Treasury inspector general for tax administration. One official stayed five

nights in a room that regularly goes for \$3,500 a night, George's report said, and another stayed four nights in a room that regularly goes for \$1,499 a night. The agency paid a flat daily fee of \$135 per hotel room, it said, but the upgrades were part of a package deal that added to the overall cost of the conference. Without the upgrades, the agency IRS could have negotiated a lower room rate, as required by agency procedures. The inspector general's report was surfacing as the tax agency came under fire again in connection with its targeting of conservative groups during the 2010 and 2012 elections. The Associated Press

obtained a copy of the inspector's report ahead of its release. In all, the agency, known as the Internal Revenue Service, held 225 employee conferences from 2010 through 2012, at a total cost of \$49 million, the report said. The Anaheim conference was the most expensive, but others were costly, too. Republicans are using controversies such as the tax agency scandal as an opportunity to derail President Barack Obama's second-term agenda. He has also been dogged by new questions about the deadly attack of the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya and controversy over the Justice Department's seizure of journalists' phone



**From left, Jenny Beth Martin, cofounder of the Tea Party Patriots, Jo Anne Livingston, and Darcy Crisp, all of Atlanta, applaud after House Ways and Means Committee member Rep. Aaron Schock, R-Ill. said the IRS was discriminating, Tuesday, June 4, 2013, on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

records. Acting IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel has called the training conferences "an unfortunate vestige from a prior era." Werfel took over the agency about two weeks ago, after Obama forced the previous acting commissioner to resign. For more than 18 months during the 2010 and 2012 election campaigns, IRS agents in a Cincinnati office singled out tea party and other conservative groups for additional scrutiny when they sought tax-exempt status, according to a previous report by George.

The report issued last month said tea party groups were asked inappropriate questions about their donors, their political affiliations and their positions on political issues. The additional scrutiny delayed applications for an average of nearly two years, making it difficult for many of the groups to raise money. On Tuesday, leaders of conservative groups complained to Congress that they were abused by the Internal Revenue Service for years as they sought tax-exempt status, including questions one Iowa anti-abortion group said it got about prayer meetings. □

## Congressman: Benghazi attack probe is complete

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A top U.S. congressman says a retired ambassador made clear in closed-door testimony that his investigation of last year's deadly attack on a diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, was thorough. Rep. Elijah Cummings said in a statement Tuesday that retired Ambassador Thomas Pickering, who co-authored the report with retired Adm. Mike Mullen, should be allowed to testify publicly. Four Americans, including Ambassador

Chris Stevens, were killed in the assault Sept. 11. Republicans have accused the Obama administration of misleading Americans about an act of terrorism during the presidential campaign. Administration officials have said they were relying on the most current information. Cummings says Pickering's testimony "put to rest" claims by the House Oversight panel's Republican chairman, Darrell Issa, that the independent review was incomplete. □

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## US Military plays defense in sex-assault hearing



Senate Armed Services Committee member Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2013, during the committee's hearing on pending legislation regarding sexual assaults in the military.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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"Not every single commander believes what a sexual assault is. Not every single commander can distinguish between a slap on the ass and a rape because they merge all of these crimes together," said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat.

Frustration among the senators seemed to boil over

as they discussed recent high-profile cases and statistics on sexual assault that underscored the challenges the Defense Department and Congress face. Sen. John McCain, a Republican and a Navy veteran of Vietnam, said a woman came to him the previous night and said her daughter wanted to join the military. She asked McCain if he could give her his

unqualified support.

"I could not," McCain said. "I cannot overstate my disgust and disappointment over the continued reports of sexual misconduct in our military. We've been talking about the issue for years, and talk is insufficient."

The committee is considering seven legislative proposals, including one introduced by Gillibrand that would deny commanders the authority to decide when criminal charges are filed and remove the ability of senior officers to convene courts-martial.

Dempsey and the service chiefs warned against making such dramatic changes. Removing commanders from the military justice process, Dempsey said, would undercut their

ability to preserve good order and discipline in their units.

"We cannot simply legislate our way out of this problem," said Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army's chief of staff. "Without equivocation, I believe maintaining the central role of commander in our military justice system is absolutely critical to any solution."

But Gillibrand defended her proposal, which has garnered 18 co-sponsors in two weeks. She said victims of sexual assault are reluctant to report crimes to their commanders because they fear their allegations will be dismissed and they might face retaliation. Aggressive reforms in the military's legal code are needed to force cultural changes, she said. □

## Fort Hood suspect claims he was protecting Taliban

Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)

— A U.S. Army psychiatrist charged with shooting dead 13 soldiers on a Texas military base said he was compelled to do so because deploying troops posed an imminent danger to Taliban fighters.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, 42, faces the death penalty or life without parole if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the 2009 attack.

Hasan is representing himself at trial, but the military judge hinted Tuesday that his "defense of others" strategy could be thrown out. Such a defense requires Hasan to prove the killings were necessary to protect others from immediate harm or death.

"A 'defense of others' strategy is not going to work when you're at war and the 'others' are enemies of the

U.S.," said Jeff Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University. "And what makes it more egregious is that he targeted medical personnel whose primary purpose was to heal, not to kill."

Witnesses have said that on Nov. 5, 2009, a gunman wearing a combat uniform shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — "God is great!" in Arabic — and opened fire in a crowded medical building where deploying soldiers get vaccines and tests. Witnesses said the gunman paused only to reload.

Government documents show that in the years before the shooting, Hasan told some colleagues that the U.S. was at war with Islam. In some emails to a radical Muslim cleric, Hasan indicated that he supported terrorists and was intrigued with the idea of U.S. soldiers killing comrades in the name of Islam. □

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## Aunt: Land dispute to blame for missing Marine

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**Associated Press**

**HARGILL, Texas (AP)** — A U.S. Marine reservist who disappeared in Mexico last month along with his father and uncle may have stumbled into an ongoing land dispute between his family and a neighbor, family members said Tuesday. The FBI announced Monday it's looking for information about the May 14 disappearance of 25-year-old Iraq War veteran Armando Torres III of Hargill, Texas. He, his father, Armando Torres II, and uncle Salvador Torres were taken from the ranch in Mexico, not far from the border. Patricia Torres, the reservist's aunt, said Tuesday that her father-in-law — Armando Torres Sr. — had sold a piece of his ranch in La Barranca, Tamaulipas, to a neighbor. When that neighbor stopped making payments on the land, Salvador Torres took it back.



This undated handout photo courtesy of Patricia Torres shows Marine reservist Armando Torres III.  
(AP Photo/Courtesy of Patricia Torres)

"That's when everything started," Patricia Torres said from the porch of her nephew's trailer home. "That's when they said they were going to have revenge and that they were going to regret it. After a month passed by, this happened."

In addition to the criminal investigation by Mexican officials, the FBI has opened a concurrent international kidnapping investigation.

"This is because of the property," Patricia Torres said. "But the persons that had the property were involved, I believe, with the cartel because they were the ones that picked them up."

Stories abound of the drug cartels forcefully taking ranches to facilitate their drug trafficking, and properties near the border are especially attractive. The segment of border where the ranch is located is an

important drug trafficking corridor for the Gulf cartel. Armando Torres III's sister Cristina Torres chatted online with her brother the day before he disappeared. She said he told her he wanted to move to Virginia where she and their mother live.

"I think maybe he just wanted, you know, to go and have a farewell and tell my dad he's coming over here," said Cristina Torres, 24. He hadn't traveled to Mexico in years, because, as a Marine, he was not allowed to cross the border, she said.

Patricia Torres said a woman picked him up on May 14; she thinks the woman was his ride to the international bridge at Progreso, Texas.

Between 8 and 9 p.m. on May 14, Cristina Torres received a call from her cousin in Mexico who was at another home on the property, in a small settlement near the end of the international bridge at Los Indios.

"Ten or 20 minutes after they got kidnapped, my cousin called me," she said. "She said that she saw a white truck just pull in and a couple men just got out of the truck and went inside the house and ambushed them and took them out and put them in the truck."

"She said that they were arguing back and forth until they got in the truck and they left."

The cousin also told Torres her father's home was robbed and all three men's vehicles were stolen.

Late that night, another uncle filed a report with the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. The report said that Armando Torres III had left for Mexico around 6 p.m. that evening. □

### Lawsuit:

## Prostitutes beat US woman in Miami hotel

**NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)** — A vacation at a swanky Miami hotel turned into a nightmare for a woman when she was beaten up by prostitutes who mistook her as competition, the woman and her husband claim in a federal lawsuit. Anna Burgese, 34, asserts in the lawsuit filed last Friday that women she believes were prostitutes attacked her in the lobby of the W Hotel in Miami Beach in January as she and her husband, Joseph, were returning from a night out. The New Jersey woman says she was grabbed from behind and slammed into a wall, then thrown to the ground. She was taken to a

hospital for her injuries, attorney Lance Rogers said. The suit also claims that hotel staff failed to detain the attackers and helped them escape by putting them in a taxi. The hotel was aware of previous violent episodes and failed to take precautions to protect guests, according to the suit. The suit names Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide and charges negligence and assault. The amount of damages sought wasn't specified, but Rogers said he is seeking a "sizable" award. Rogers said the couple had stayed at the hotel several times before.

According to the police report, Burgese was walking through the lobby when one of the women grabbed her from behind and tackled her to the ground. Police asked Burgese whether she said anything to the alleged attacker, but Burgese said it was unprovoked. Police photographed Anna Burgese's bruised knee, right elbow and cut to her bottom lip. Joseph Burgese was on crutches because of a leg injury and tried to fend off the women with his crutches, Rogers said. A spokesman for Starwood didn't comment directly on the lawsuit.

A Starwood spokesman said the company regrets the incident and that Burgese was injured.

"The safety and security of our guests is our paramount priority, and we are taking this situation very seriously," spokesman Trey Sarten said in an email. "Due to pending litigation, we are unable to comment further at this time."

Sarten added in a subsequent email that the hotel disputes the claim that multiple people attacked Burgese.

"We truly regret that this incident occurred and that one of our guests was injured," spokesman Trey Sarten said in an email. □

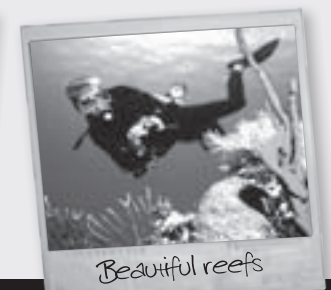


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### US Financial Front:

# America's trade deficit up 8.5% to \$40.3 billion



A crane removes a container from a ship at the Port of Baltimore's Seagirt Marine Terminal in Baltimore. The U.S. trade deficit widened in April as demand for foreign cars, cell phones and other imported goods outstripped a rise in U.S. exports, the Commerce Department announced Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. trade deficit widened in April, as demand for foreign cars, cell phones and other imported goods outpaced growth in U.S. exports.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that the trade gap rose 8.5 percent in April from March to \$40.3 billion.

Exports increased 1.2 percent to \$187.4 billion, the second-highest level on record. Companies sold more telecommunications

equipment, industrial machinery and airplane parts, while U.S.-made autos and auto parts also rose to an all-time high of \$12.8 billion. But imports grew an even faster 2.4 percent to \$227.7 billion. Sales of foreign cars increased to \$25.5 billion. Americans also bought more consumer goods, led by big gain in foreign-made cell phones.

A wider trade gap can restrain growth because it means U.S. consumers and businesses are spending more on foreign goods than U.S. companies are

taking in from overseas sales.

But Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, said the wider deficit does show growth in the U.S. remains stronger than most other nations. And that growth has helped fuel more spending by consumers on imported goods.

"The U.S. economy may not be robust but with growth continuing, the demand for foreign goods is picking up," Naroff.

Most economists said trade

will likely be neutral in the April-June quarter after subtracting slightly from growth in the January-March quarter. They expect economic growth has slowed to an annual rate of around 2 percent, down from a 2.4 percent rate in the first quarter.

Still, a weaker global economy is reducing demand for U.S. exports and that could weigh on growth this year.

Europe's recession continues to be a problem for U.S. companies. The deficit with

the 27-nation European Union grew 25.6 percent to \$12.4 billion. U.S. exports to the region declined 7.9 percent, while imports from the region rose slightly.

The politically sensitive deficit with China surged to \$24.1 billion, the highest level since January and the largest with any single nation. Imports jumped 21 percent, while exports fell 4.7 percent. The March deficit had been artificially lowered by shipping disruptions caused by the Chinese New Year holiday. □

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## Park acquitted in model murder trial



**Defendant Kelly Soo Park looks back at the audience during her murder trial in Los Angeles. A jury found Park not guilty Tuesday of murder in the strangling of aspiring model and actress Juliana Redding.**

(Handout Photo)

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Friends and family members of a strangled model erupted in tears and screams on Tuesday when a California jury acquitted a woman described by prosecutors as a female James Bond. Onlookers in the courtroom who knew victim Juliana Redding screamed obscenities and called defendant Kelly Soo Park a murderer.

They appeared ready to pounce on Park and were held back by officers as she turned and was led through a rear entrance. Jurors had been escorted out a back way before the outburst. Redding was killed in Santa Monica in 2008. Prosecutors alleged that Park strangled her with her bare hands and left overwhelming DNA evidence on the body and around the apartment. They say a doctor who had dated Redding gave Park a six-figure payment to kill her after a business deal soured with Redding's father. Park wept when the final

verdict was announced. Redding's family left the courthouse without comment. District Attorney Jackie Lacey later issued a statement saying prosecutors believed in the strength of the evidence and had fought hard and fair in court.

"Although we disagree with the verdict, we respect our system of justice," Lacey said. Prosecutors had depicted Park as a hired killer who strangled Redding with her bare hands on instructions from the model's former boyfriend. The panel returned two separate verdicts in the case after struggling with legal definitions and receiving additional instructions. The panel initially found Park not guilty of first-degree murder. After hearing more arguments from lawyers, jurors deliberated further and came back with an acquittal on the lesser included offense of second-degree murder. They had reported on Monday that they were deadlocked on the second-degree murder charge with two jurors in disagreement. They asked for clarification of the difference between first- and second-degree murder. □



**Aspiring model and actress Juliana Redding poses for Maxim Magazine. Redding was strangled to death in Santa Monica in 2008.**

(Handout Photo)

## Johnson & Johnson recalls 32 million contraceptive packages from outside US

**The Associated Press**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey (AP)** — Johnson & Johnson is conducting a voluntary recall of millions of oral contraceptive packages in 43 countries outside the U.S., but the health care giant says there's a "very low" risk that the flawed tablets could cause unplanned pregnancies. It's the latest in a series of about 40 product recalls announced by the U.S.-based company since 2009.

The birth control pills are being recalled — from pharmacies and wholesalers, but not from women — because one of the two hormones in them was found last month to be dissolving and entering the bloodstream more slowly than it should. The recall technically covers all 179 lots, or batches, of the contraceptive Cilest distributed since 2011 in Europe, Asia and Latin America. Each lot contains about 180,000 monthly contraceptive packages, meaning more than 32.2 million packages are covered. Only about 800,000 packages are estimated to still be in inventory at wholesalers and drugstores. Medicine manufacturers are required to hold back samples from the lots they produce for periodic stability testing. While the two-year-old packages had been fine, tests last month showed that the female hormone in the pills, norgestimate, was no longer dissolving at the specified rate, said Michelle Romano, a spokeswoman for J&J's Janssen Pharmaceuticals business. "There's no impact on safety or efficacy. Women are

not likely to get pregnant," so the packages are not being recalled from individual consumers, Romano said. She said women with questions should contact their doctor. J&J has been wrestling with trying to upgrade manufacturing plants while it slowly restores supply of recalled products to the market. The company is operating under an agreement with the Food and Drug Administration requiring increased inspections and oversight at the factories involved. Lost product sales and factory upgrades have cost J&J well over \$1 billion. The prior recalls mostly covered nonprescription medicines such as adult and children's Tylenol and Motrin, but they have included faulty hip implants and contact lenses. Reasons range from contamination with bacteria and incorrect levels of a drug's active ingredient to liquid medicines that may contain metal particles and nauseating smells on containers. J&J CEO Alex Gorsky and his predecessor, Bill Weldon, have pledged to resolve problems, but they continue. Over the last four months, J&J has recalled Adept hip implants that were failing and had to be replaced prematurely. OneTouch VerioQ blood glucose meters that shut off rather than issuing a warning when blood sugar levels get dangerously high, Children's Tylenol made in South Korea that contained too much acetaminophen and versions of K-Y Jelly personal lubricant that potentially never got required regulatory approval. □



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Turkey:

## Government offers apology as protests continue

SUZAN FRASER  
Associated Press

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — Turkey's deputy prime minister offered an apology Tuesday for the government's violent crackdown on an environmental protest, a calculated bid to ease days of anti-government rallies in the country's major cities.

The message was a bit mixed, however, as hundreds of riot police deployed with water cannons around the prime minister's office in Ankara, the capital. Bulent Arinc, who is standing in for the prime minister while he is out of the country, said the crackdown was "wrong and unjust." "In that first (protest) action, the excessive violence exerted on people who were acting out of environmental concerns was wrong and unjust," Arinc said. "I apologize to those citizens."

Yet the impact of his statement was unclear. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is visiting Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, has undermined previous statements by his ministers and has dismissed the protesters as a fringe minority stirred up by the opposition.

Tens of thousands of mostly secular-minded Turks have joined anti-government rallies since Friday, when police launched a pre-dawn

raid against a peaceful sit-in protesting plans to uproot trees in Istanbul's main Taksim Square. Since then, the demonstrations have spiraled into Turkey's biggest anti-government disturbances in years.

Late Tuesday night, thousands of people were demonstrating in the square. Many of the streets leading into it have been blocked by barricades that protesters have built of overturned dumpsters, metal railings and damaged vehicles to keep police away.

At one point, near the German Consulate, police fired tear gas at several hundred protesters who were throwing bricks at the officers.

A 22-year-old man died during an anti-government protest in a city near Turkey's border with Syria, and officials gave conflicting reports on what caused his death.

Police have been accused of using disproportionate force in trying to break up demonstrations. In a boisterous debate in Parliament, Interior Minister Muammer Guler defended police officers' use of tear gas against demonstrators trying to reach government buildings.

"Should we have allowed them to march and take over Parliament?" he asked. "We do not have the luxury to allow illegal



A police water cannon operates against protesters during clashes for fifth day in Istanbul, late Thursday, June 4, 2013. Turkey's deputy prime minister offered an apology Tuesday for the government's violent crackdown on an environmental protest, a calculated bid to ease days of anti-government rallies in the country's major cities.

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

acts and will never have that luxury."

Arinc said he had no information about reports that riot police had erased or painted over numbers on their helmets so people could not report them in the event of abuse.

Guler, the interior minister, said protesters had destroyed CCTV cameras around Taksim, and the vandalism would make it harder for the government to detect abuse by police and identify perpetrators.

The Turkish Human Rights Association said some 3,300 people nationwide were detained during four days of protests, although most have since been released. □

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## Rationing to begin in Venezuelan state of Zulia

**FRANK JORGE RUEDA**  
**Associated Press**  
**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— In a sign Venezuela's food shortages could be worsening, restrictions on the sale of 20 basic items subject to price controls, including toilet paper and chicken, are set to begin next week in its most populous state, officials said Tuesday.

A spokesman for President Nicolas Maduro's government said it is incorrect to call the plan rationing because it is meant to fight smuggling of price-controlled food across the border into Colombia. He said there are no plans to extend the program nationally.

Details of how the system in Zulia state will work are still being worked out, said Blagdimir Labrador, the state governor's chief of staff.

But Zulia will issue computer chip cards beginning next week that will limit consumer purchases of products including rice, flour, cooking oil, sugar and powdered milk, he said. The quantities each family will be allowed to buy, on a daily or weekly basis, have not yet been determined, he said.

The system will register purchases remotely on computer servers "so the same person can't go to a differ-

ent store on the same day and purchase the same product," Labrador said. The foray appears to be Venezuela's first into food rationing. Communist-run Cuba has issued monthly ration cards for basic foodstuffs for decades, although the number of items has dwindled in recent years.

Labrador said the system will initially apply to 65 supermarkets in two cities, Maracaibo and San Francisco, in the state of 3.7 million people bordering

Colombia.

The president of the state's supermarket association, Andres De Candido, said he did not believe the system, run by the state-owned CANTV telecommunications company, would be ready in all supermarkets by next week but said his group is ready to support it if it truly gets food-smuggling to Colombia under control.

Authorities said that is the sole intent.

"This is only in Zulia state and it is not rationing,"

said Information Ministry spokesman Raimundo Urechaga. "It is focused only on Zulia, to control contraband." That's fine with Angelica Silva, a 52-year-old housewife who couldn't find butter or toilet paper in a downtown Caracas market Tuesday.

"This isn't a poor country like Cuba, where we all depend on the government" she said. But Silva was still worried: "What scares me is that there will be more scarcity, and nobody will tolerate that." □



**A customer leaves a private super market with her purchases, including toilet paper, in Caracas, Venezuela. In June of 2013, Venezuela's state of Zulia on the border with Colombia will begin restricting the sale of 20 basic items, including toilet paper and chicken, that are subject to price controls.**  
(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

## APNewsBreak:

### Iran's reactor said damaged by earthquakes

**GEORGE JAHN**  
**Associated Press**

Several countries monitoring Iran's nuclear program have picked up information that the country's only power-producing nuclear reactor was damaged by one or more of several recent earthquakes, with long cracks appearing in at least one section of the structure, two diplomats said Tuesday.

Iran is under U.N. sanctions for refusing to stop nuclear programs that could be used to make weapons, even as it insists it has no such plans.

Its Bushehr nuclear plant is not considered a proliferation threat. But some nations are concerned about how safe it is. Iran has refused to join an international nuclear safety convention and persistent technical problems have shut the plant for lengthy periods since it started up in September 2011 after years of construction delays. Reports of the International Atomic Energy Agency in February and May said the agency had been informed by the Iranians that the facility was shut down, without specifying why. Kuwait and other Arab countries are only a few hundred kilometers (miles) away from Iran's Bushehr reactor, which is on the Persian Gulf coast, and are particularly worried about the safety of the Russian-built reactor. Saudi Arabia mentioned Bushehr as a safety concern on Tuesday at a session of the Vienna-based IAEA's 35-nation board. But Iran insists the plant is technically sound and built to withstand all but the largest earthquakes unscathed. Officials in Tehran reassured the international community after the quakes struck in April and early May that the facility was undamaged. The diplomats referred to recent restricted information gathered from the site in questioning that assertion. □

## Syria:

### Regime advances in Qusair and Damascus suburb

**ALBERT AJI BARBARA SURK**  
**Associated Press**

**DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)** — Syrian troops advanced toward the center of the strategic town of Qusair near the border with Lebanon and chased rebels from another key district on the edge of Damascus on Tuesday, officials said, solidifying gains that have shifted the balance of power in the regime's favor in recent weeks.

In the past two months, the Syrian army has moved steadily against rebels in key battleground areas,

making advances near the border with Lebanon and considerably lowering the threat to Damascus, the seat of President Bashar Assad's government.

The Syrian army, which is backed by Hezbollah fighters, is "approaching victory" in Qusair, almost three weeks after launching an offensive to recapture the western town, an official in the governor's office of Homs province said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to speak to the media about an ongoing military operation.

He said the troops are advancing from the east and south of Qusair, fighting pockets of resistance along the way.

The rebels still have control of the western and northern parts of the town as well as some areas in the center.

Later Tuesday, Syrian state-run TV said troops were now in "full control" of the southwestern part of the town and have "eradicated the remnants of terrorists there," using the term used by Syrian officials to refer to rebels seeking to topple Assad.

A doctor coordinating medical treatment in Qusair said troops have been pounding western parts of the town with artillery as they move toward the center.

The doctor, Kasem Alzein spoke to The Associated Press via Skype from Qusair on Tuesday, saying that regime forces are approaching the area where he's been operating a makeshift hospital.

"It's very difficult here," Alzein said against a backdrop of constant shelling. "The battles are really close to where we work." □



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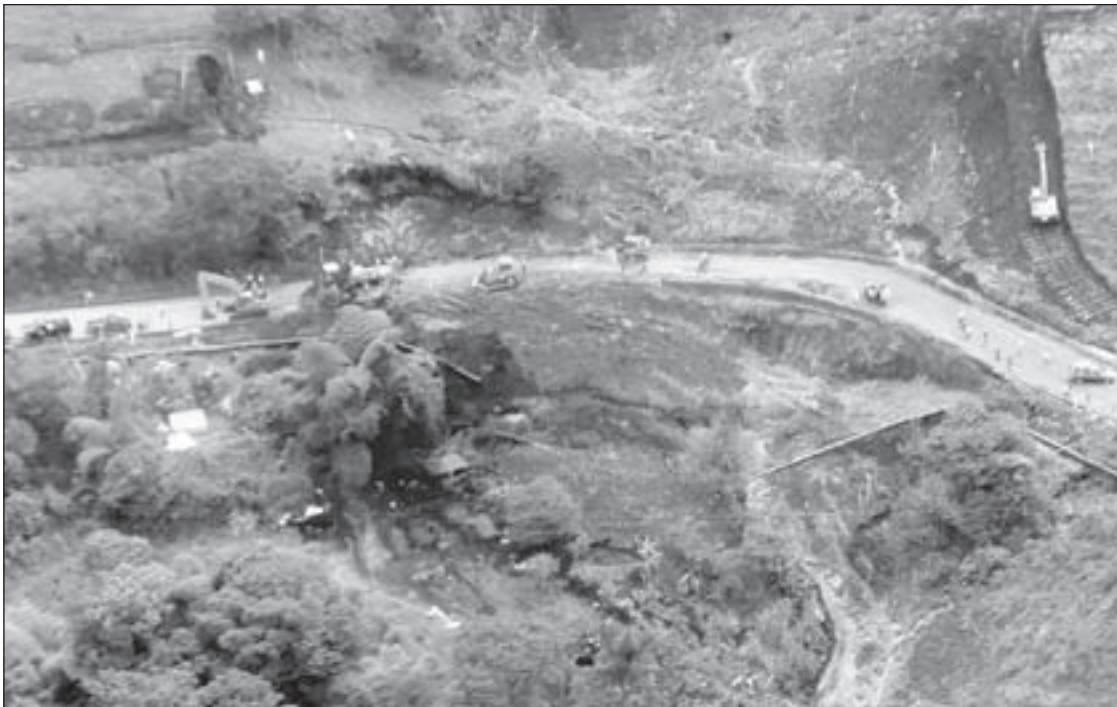


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# Ecuador oil spill pollutes Amazon tributary



This photo released by Petroecuador Tuesday, June 4, 2013 shows an aerial view of an oil spill caused when a landslide damaged a main pipeline of Ecuador's state oil company, near the volcano El Reventador, in Ecuador's Amazonian region, Friday, June 1, 2013.

(AP Photo/ Petroecuador)

**GONZALO SOLANO**  
Associated Press

**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)** — Ecuador's state oil company resumed pumping through the country's main pipeline on Tuesday, four days after it was damaged by a landslide.

But crude spilled by the accident reached tributaries of the Amazon River and polluted drinking water for a regional capital far downstream.

Petroecuador issued a statement saying pumping resumed at 9:15 a.m. (1415 GMT) through the Trans-Ec-

uador pipeline and it said the flow should be back to normal within hours. Closure of the line had forced Petroecuador to accelerate three 360,000-barrel shipments of oil for China to free storage space.

A rain-caused landslide on Friday ripped up a 100-meter (100-yard) long stretch of the line near the Reventador volcano.

The company said it did not know how much of the 420,000 gallons (1.6 million liters) of crude oil that spilled had reached the Quijos river, a waterway

popular with whitewater rafting enthusiasts.

But enough flowed from the Quijos into the Coca and Napo rivers downstream that the regional capital of Coca had to shut down its drinking water system and Ecuador's government alerted Peru and Brazil, which are along the course of the Napo as it heads toward the Amazon. In Coca, an urban area of about 80,000 people at the confluence of the Coca and Napo rivers, Mayor Ana Rivas told the Sonorama radio station that the

accident "has left us without water because the river we take potable water from is contaminated. The people are indignant because there is no water to drink."

Petroecuador has distributed bottled water to the city and Rivas said officials were using tankers to col-

lect water from an uncontaminated stretch of river.

Alexandra Almeida of the environmental group Accion Ecologica expressed concern because "they still don't know the real quantity of this spill of crude that affected the principle sources of water of this region." □

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## Dubai firm starts work on St Kitts resort

**BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (AP)** — A Dubai-based real estate company has started construction on a new Hyatt resort in St. Kitts where investors will be eligible for island citizenship.

The Park Hyatt St. Kitts is planned to have about 200 rooms and more than 40 residential villas and apartments in Christophe

Harbor, a growing resort community on the island's southeastern coast. Individual shareholders can qualify for St. Kitts citizenship by investing \$400,000. Mohammed Asaria is vice president of Dubai-based Range Developments. He says construction will create roughly 350 jobs in its first phase, which is ex-

pected to be completed in 2015. Land-clearing started Tuesday.

St. Kitts Tourism Minister Ricky Skerritt says project investors can qualify for island citizenship as part of a "special pioneering arrangement." The country has had a citizenship-by-investment program since 1984. □

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# Latin America a growing hot spot for U.S. retirees

**JUAN ZAMORANO**

**Associated Press**

**PANAMA CITY (AP)** — With its miles of beaches, lush rainforests and welcoming colonial towns, Panama — like much of Latin America — has become a hot spot for American retirees. They come for the scenery, the weather and, perhaps more important, the low cost of living.

"We were looking for a simple, cheap life," said Linda McKee, 61, of Bonita Springs, Fla., while enjoying a glass of wine with her husband, Eric Carlson, on the porch of their home in Boquete, a mountain town in western Panama where many U.S. retirees live. The couple moved to Panama six years ago after first trying Costa Rica.

International Living magazine, which for 30 years has published a ranking of the top 10 "havens" for retirees, included six Latin American countries in its most recent ranking, in December. Ecuador was No. 1, followed by Panama. Mexico was in fourth place, Costa Rica fifth, Uruguay sixth and Co-

lombia seventh.

"Panama is safe, stable, and friendly," the magazine said. "It boasts the best health care and infrastructure in Central America ... Its wildlife is abundant, with

U.S. retirees began arriving in droves to Latin America in the early 2000s, and the numbers have picked up since the U.S. economic crisis in 2008, tourism authorities said. As many as

Panama's government has worked to attract them, making it simpler to qualify for permanent residency. The only requirement is that foreign retirees receive a pension of at least \$1,000 a

Robert Braun, 67, of Lincoln, N.H. He said he came to Panama for the fishing, the weather and safety.

The U.S. dollar has been the local currency in Panama since it became an independent country in 1903, and there are dozens of banks that let foreigners manage their home accounts from here. Foreign retirees can bring in items valued at \$10,000 or less tax free, and can bring in a car without having to pay taxes. Benefits include discounts of 25 percent on utility bills, and lower medical costs.

"U.S. retirees come because they see Panama as a place where they can have good quality of life and low living costs, a place that has everything," said Ernesto Orillac, deputy administrator of the Panama Tourism Authority.

In Boquete, a high-end development project called Hidden Valley includes residences, a small hotel and a golf course. The town of about 20,000, in a region where a popular Panamanian coffee is grown, has a cool climate, with frequent light rain. When the skies clear, there are breathtaking views of green and blue mountains.

Town authorities estimate that about 3,000 retirees live in Boquete, mostly American. There are other communities of American retirees elsewhere in Panama, including near beaches.

McKee and Carlson, a 57-year-old former contractor, say they have never considered going back to the United States, although they do miss friends and family in Florida.

Between their pension and what they make working on a jungle conservation project in Rambala, about two hours from their home, they have enough to live comfortably.

"We like that people are very quiet and security is not a problem," said McKee, whose son Daniel, 27, visits twice a year to surf on Panamanian beaches. "This is our new country, our new life." □



**Retired Americans gathering in a market in Boquete, west of Panama City, Panama. Panama has become a hot spot for American retirees. They come for the natural beauty, the weather and, perhaps more important, the low cost of living.** (AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)

most of the bird species in North America, and its pristine natural setting is an eco-tourist's dream."

a million U.S. retirees live in Mexico, they said, and thousands in Ecuador, Costa Rica and Panama.

month.

"With this, I can live here for an indefinite period. The process is very easy," said

## Coca-Cola opens Myanmar bottling plant

**YADANA HTUN**

**Associated Press**

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)** — Coca-Cola began bottling its famous soft drink in Myanmar on Tuesday as part of a planned five-year, \$200 million investment after having no local production for more than 60 years.

The company announced in a press release the ceremonial inauguration of its bottling plant in Hmawbi Township, a suburb of Yangon, the country's biggest city, with local partner Pin-ya Manufacturing Co.

The return of Coca-Cola Co. is emblematic of the opportunities U.S. companies see in Myanmar as it builds a free market economy after decades of military rule. The economy was socialized after a 1962 military coup, and most investment by U.S. companies was banned after Washington applied eco-

nomics sanctions against the junta that took power in 1988 due to its repressive policies.

The announcement said the investment will help create more than 22,000 related jobs along the supply chain over five years.

"The capital investment will increase production capacity, grow logistics including sales and distribution operations, and improve marketing and people capabilities," the announcement said.

The Atlanta-based company said that after the lifting of sanctions, it began importing its soft drinks last September and became "one of the first U.S. companies to be awarded an investment permit under Myanmar's new Foreign Investment Law."

Many U.S. companies severed their official business connections in Myanmar in 1988, after the military bru-

tally put down a pro-democracy uprising. Coca-Cola's rival PepsiCo Inc. lingered on despite strong pressure to divest from U.S. human rights activists. In 1996, PepsiCo announced it was selling its 40 percent stake in its soft drink bottling venture in Myanmar as a result of business reasons and public sentiment toward the regime. The year after, it halted supplies of its soft-drink syrup to its partner there. The partner then introduced its own local cola, Star Cola. Both Coke and Pepsi continued to be available in Myanmar, imported independently from other countries in the region.

Tuesday's announcement said Coca-Cola and Sprite are currently being produced in 425ml plastic bottles with Myanmar-language labeling. It said local production of the company's classic 300ml glass

bottle and aluminum cans is expected in the coming weeks, while the diet drink Coca-Cola Zero will be imported in cans.

The company has targeted more than 100,000 outlets across the country for the next six months, with added production from a second existing bottling plant.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Coca-Cola chairman and CEO Muhtar Kent, Yangon Region Chief Minister Myint Swe, and Madeleine Albright, former U.S. secretary of state and chair of the Albright Stonebridge Group, a diplomacy and strategic advisory firm.

"For the people of Myanmar, Coca-Cola embodies the optimism of a bright future, with the promise of better days and better lives ahead," Kent said. "We are privileged to be a part of their journey." □





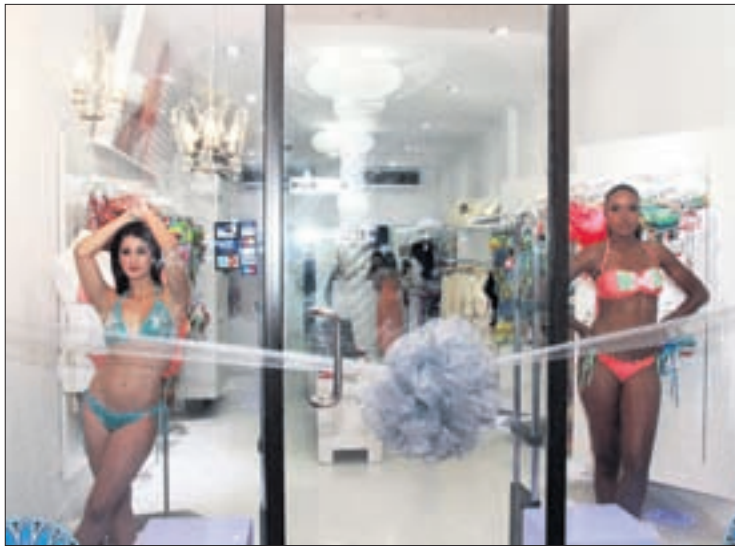
Aruba's newest stylish swim & resort wear store:

## Paseo Herencia Mall welcomes Agua Santa!

**ORANJESTAD** - Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall owners Dan Oduber and Alex Lovera and Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn were proud to join island fashionista Nelbert Perez and her husband Jose for the gala opening of their new shop, Agua Venta, lo-

cated directly across from the mall's adorable vintage carousel.

Nelbert is the style-savvy lady who first brought Agua Bendita designer bathing suits and beachwear to Aruba, but has decided to focus her attention on far more affordable lines in her



new Agua Santa Store.

It is a showcase for the very popular Lulifama lines of hot, colorful swimsuits and bikinis, modeled with flair by Aruba's Miss Teen Universe, Thessaly Zimmerman, and Miss Teen Aruba First Runner-up, who will represent the island at the Miss Teen World competition, Isabella Gonzalez.

Lulifama is the brainchild of Lourdes "Luli" Hanimian, originally from Cuba, but now working out of Miami. "Her collection is made from light fabrics, enhanced with exceptional details, tailored to accentuate a woman's figure. They reflect a new thought process and design concept," asserts Nelbert, "I am proud to feature this wonderful line of resort wear."

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# Art Rules Aruba opens signups for exciting Dance workshop!

-Art Rules Aruba is calling all Dancers to sign up for this year's dance workshop with House-dance legend Cebo Carr and B-Girl Melly Mel. w

RBC Royal Bank's 4th edition of ART RULES ARUBA is back with one of its most popular workshops, DANCE. Presented by House and Hip Hop dance phenomenon Cebo Carr and B-Girl Melly Mel.

Art Rules Aruba is the #1 arts festival for the youth in the summer, offering over 250 young aspiring artists a 2-week intensive workshop program in Dance, Creative Media, DJ, Theater, Fashion, Street Art, Rap & Poetry, Music & Performance and this year's Bonus Workshop Culinary Arts. Presenting this years' dance workshop, producers of Art Rules Aruba at the Pancake Gallery Foundation have been able to yet again bring the best artists from around the world to teach Aruba's youth international based perspectives and education for the Arts.



Introducing one of the world's best dancers Cebo Carr based in Japan, by way of New York City, Cebo is not only known as one of New York's legendary house dancers, he can dance everything from Capoeira, to hip hop, Modern Jazz, Ballet and Tap! He owns and runs a dance studio in Japan where he teaches Urban dance culture and styles to young Japanese top dancers.

Accompanying Cebo in the Art Rules Aruba Dance workshop ARA presents B-Girl Melly Mel, who has become one of ARA's most popular teachers and will be returning to the program for her 4th year.

Coming straight from Canada where she is currently training for her tour with the Canadian Dance Company "Bboyizm", Melly Mel is well known for her performances in Cirque du Soleil (Beatles Love) Hollywood motion pictures including "Sex In The City 2" and "Honey" and not the least for her performance in the Academy Award winning motion picture "Chicago". What more can you say than that Art Rules Aruba has once again accomplished to bring a top team of teachers for dance to the island! The classes will take place at Scol di Arte, right across from Abraham de Veer College where all the other ARA workshops will be held between July 15th and July 26th with a final showcase/

performance on July 27th. For all the students living in the Oranjestad area, Art Rules Aruba will provide Bus transportation every day during the program from Cas di Cultura to San Nicolas making a few stops along the way. How to apply for the dance workshop or any of the other Art Rules Aruba workshops? Simply go to [www.artrules-aruba.com/apply](http://www.artrules-aruba.com/apply) and find all information on the classes, the program, teachers, updates news and more. RBC presents Art Rules Aruba #4 is also powered by Aruba Airport Authority, Prins Bernard Cultuur Fonds Carbisch gebied, La Trattoria El Faro Blanco, La Cabana Beach Resort, Playa Linda Beach Resort, Caribbean Palm Village Resorts, Office Systems, Ernst & Young, Tiara Air Aruba, Europcar, Aruba Time Share Association, Beyond Precision, Maduro Travel and Marketing Plus. □



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**- Form Your Groups And Join The Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run 2013 Co-Sponsored By Subway**

During a press conference Aruba Bank, in collaboration with Subway and IBISA, a government agency promoting a healthy life-style, announced the return of the popular "Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run 2013."

Rocila Acosta, member of Aruba Bank's management team, revealed that the "Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run 2013", co-sponsored by Subway, will take place on the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of June, 2013. The event will start at 6:30pm, every afternoon. All runners who wish to participate must register daily, before 5:30pm, just ahead of the walk & run.

For this year's edition, the slogan for the Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run is "Let's Move and Stay Fit!" The slogan reflects the intention behind the event, aimed at attracting local residents of all ages, as well as groups from different companies living and working in different neighborhoods, walking and running together for 4 days, at four designated districts around our One Happy Island.

"Let's Move and Stay Fit!" reflects the commitment of Aruba Bank, Subway and IBISA to our community, motivating people to walk and stay in motion for a healthier life. Aruba Bank would like to encourage the community of Aruba to continue exercising and incorporating movement in its daily routine, so that we can be a healthier and fitter Aruba.

The 4-day sports activity is famous for having the largest number of participants, and the most entertainment value and sheer fun, for groups and individual participants. On all 4 days the event will start with a Warm-up Zumba session at 6:00pm given by Niurca de Cuba of Beyond Fitness. The Walk & Run will then continue at 6:30pm so that all participants may enjoy the refreshing sea breeze and the island's spectacular sunsets.

A DJ will energize and motivate participants at each water station, encouraging them to walk the entire route, and live up to the challenge. Aruba Bank has also approached two different organizations this year for the distribution of drinks at the water stations. At the end of each day, participants will be asked their opinion as to which organization

delivered drinks best. The winning organization will receive an attractive donation. Registration started on May 29th at the offices of IBISA at Frankrijkstraat and IBISA San Nicolas, between 7:30 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Participation is just Awg 10 and it includes a Dri-Fit Shirt, while supplies last, and a voucher for a two days free admission to Cuts & Curves, valued at Awg.75,-, as well as fruit and drinks during the four Walk & Run days.

Make sure you sign up on time, because each year the number of participants increases and the event becomes more popular! The registration form is available at IBISA, on [www.arubabank.com](http://www.arubabank.com) and on Aruba Bank's facebook page. The last day to register is Thursday, June 6th, 2013.

In view of the incredible participation and the strong interest shown lately in sports activities, the Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run will offer various prizes for running and walking participants. A prize will be offered to the group with the most enthusiastic members, the group with the best uniform, and the group with the largest number of members!!!

Additionally, among runners, various categories based on



age and gender, will determine prizes. In each category the first three male and female winners will earn distinctions. The overall top 10 participants in both female and male categories will also be rewarded. The Aruba Triathlon Association will assist the organization and all runners will get a reusable chip to mark their time. Overall winners will be selected based on their performance on all four days. On the last day of the 4 Day Walk & Run, winners will be announced in each category, as well as the "Overall Top 10". Runners must participate all 4 days to be eligible for prizes. During the press conference, Subway announced that it is offering a 10% discount to

all participants who show up at any of Subway restaurants with their Dri Fit Shirt from Aruba Bank's 4 Day Walk & Run 2013, following each of the four day events.

Aruba Bank, Subway and IBISA invite everyone to join the "Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run 2013" with their family, colleagues and friends. The corporate world, organizations, schools and families can form their groups of walkers or runners and Let's Move and Stay Fit! Start by putting your group together today and register at IBISA from 7:30 am to 12:00 noon or from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Join Aruba Bank's 4 Day Walk & Run to win fabulous prizes and keep moving to stay fit! □

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Serena Williams of the U.S. celebrates winning against Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova in three sets 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, in their quarterfinal match at the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday June 4, 2013.

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## Federer loses quick French QF; Williams back in SF

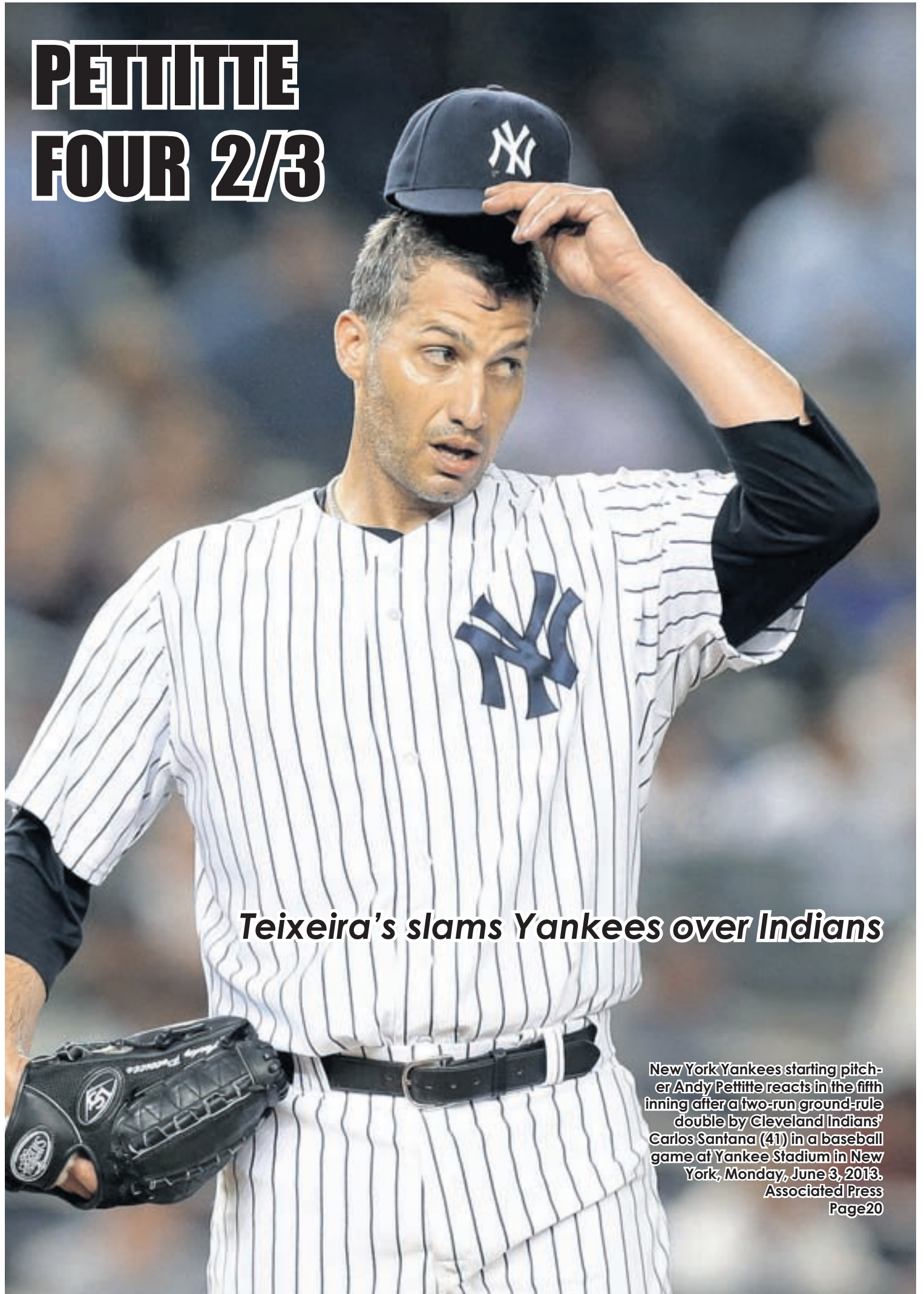
HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — A point from losing the first set of his French Open quarterfinal, Roger Federer shanked a routine forehand, sending the ball 10 feet beyond the opposite baseline.

The Court Philippe Chatrier crowd roared with approval, then loudly chanted the last name of Federer's opponent, Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

That shot was a clear indication that Federer was hardly Federesque on this day. There were plenty of others: He argued with the chair umpire about a call. He dumped overhead smashes into the net. And in a truly rare ungraceful moment, he failed to put a racket to — or get out of the way of — a backhand flip by a sliding Tsonga, instead getting hit on the back.

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## PETTITTE FOUR 2/3

**Teixeira's slams Yankees over Indians**

New York Yankees starting pitcher Andy Pettitte reacts in the fifth inning after a two-run ground-rule double by Cleveland Indians' Carlos Santana (41) in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, June 3, 2013.  
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# Hall of Fame DE Deacon Jones dead at age 74

## The Associated Press

David "Deacon" Jones, a Hall of Fame American football defensive end credited with terming the word sack for how he knocked down quarterbacks, has died. He was 74. The Washington Redskins said that Jones died of natural causes at his home in Southern California on Monday night.

"Deacon Jones was one of the greatest players in NFL history. Off the field, he was a true giant," said Redskins general manager Bruce Allen, whose father, George, coached Jones with the Los Angeles Rams. "His passion and spirit will continue to inspire those who knew him. He was cherished member of the Allen family and I will always consider him my big brother."

Jones was the leader of the Rams' Fearsome Foursome unit from 1961-71 and then played for San Diego for



two seasons before finishing his career with the Redskins in 1974. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1980 and made the league's 75th anniversary all-time squad.

Because sacks didn't become an official statistic until 1982, Jones' total is uncertain. His impact as a premier pass rusher and team leader is not.

Jones made the Pro Bowl every year from 1964-70 and played in eight overall. He combined with fellow Hall of Famer Merlin Olsen, Rosey Grier and Lamar Landry on the defensive line that, at times, was unblockable.

George Allen, who coached the Fearsome Foursome, called Jones the "greatest defensive end of

modern football." The Allen family had Jones present George Allen for his Hall of Fame induction in 2002.

The Rams' stats show Jones with 159 1-2 sacks for them and 173 1-2 for his career — all unofficial, of course. Jones also was one of the most durable players, missing just five games in his 14 pro seasons.

A 14th-round draft pick in 1961 out of Mississippi Valley State University, which later produced Jerry Rice, Jones was the first defensive lineman with 100 solo tackles, reaching that mark in 1967.

Most recently, he was the CEO of his own foundation, which he began in 1997. He also made several trips to visit troops on active duty in the Middle East. □

**Former Rams defensive end David "Deacon" Jones is honored by having his number retired before the start of an NFL football game between the St. Louis Rams and Green Bay Packers in this Sept. 27, 2009 file photo taken in St. Louis.**

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## FRENCH OPEN

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All in all, Federer looked lost out there Tuesday against the sixth-seeded Tsonga, who pounded his way to a 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 victory over the 17-time Grand Slam champion in a 1-hour, 51-minute mismatch remarkable for its lopsidedness and brevity.

"I struggled a little bit everywhere. To be honest, personally, I'm pretty sad about the match and the way I played. But that's how it goes. I tried to figure things out, but it was difficult. And Jo does a good job keeping the pressure on," Federer said.

"He was just ... better in all areas," continued Federer, whose lone French Open title, in 2009, allowed him to equal Pete Sampras' then-record of 14 major championships. "He returned better than I did. Served better than I did. I struggled to find my rhythm."

While Federer quickly faced a big deficit Tuesday and never recovered, Serena Williams was able



**France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga celebrates defeating Switzerland's Roger Federer in three sets 7-5, 6-3, 6-3, in their quarterfinal match at the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday June 4, 2013.**

to get out of a much smaller spot of trouble. Like Federer, Williams is 31. Like Federer, she's won more than a dozen Grand Slam titles, 15. And like Federer, only one of those trophies came at Roland

Garros, in 2002. Trailing in the third set against 2009 French Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova, the No. 1-seeded Williams won five games in a row en route to a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 victory that put her back in the semi-

finals at Paris after a decade's absence.

Williams had lost four consecutive quarterfinals at Roland Garros — in 2004, 2007, 2009 (to Kuznetsova), 2010 — and so when she was serving while down 2-0

in the final set Tuesday, "I thought, you know, 'Can't go out like this again.'"

That was a pivotal game, featuring 16 points and three break chances for Kuznetsova, who flubbed the last with a drop shot that floated wide.

After finally holding in that game with an inside-out forehand winner as Kuznetsova stumbled to the clay, Williams broke right away with a backhand winner that had her yelling and shaking her fist. "Unbelievable competitor," Kuznetsova said. "She turns on (her) game when she needs it."

Kuznetsova winced a few times after slow serves, and said afterward she strained an abdominal muscle earlier in the tournament.

"I did push her to the limit, I think, today, even without my serve," Kuznetsova said.

"I was serving like, I don't know, a grandmother."

It was the first challenge of the tournament for Williams, who lost 10 games against Kuznetsova after dropping that same number across her first four rounds combined. □

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# Bruins crush Penguins 6-1 to take 2-0 lead

WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Brad Marchand scored twice during a four-goal first period as the Boston Bruins thrashed the Pittsburgh Penguins 6-1 in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals on Monday.

David Krejci, Nathan Horton, Patrice Bergeron and Johnny Boychuk also scored for Boston, which hardly broke a sweat while taking a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. Tuukka Rask kept Sidney Crosby and the rest of the NHL's top offense in check once again, stopping 26 shots.

Game 3 is Wednesday night in Boston.

Brandon Sutter netted Pittsburgh's lone goal. Tomas Vokoun gave up three first-period goals on 12 shots before being replaced by Marc-Andre Fleury.

The move did little to blunt

the momentum in what has quickly become a one-sided series. Boston held Pittsburgh's top-ranked power play scoreless for the second straight game, and the Bruins looked like the team marked as the Stanley Cup favorites, not the star-laden Penguins.

Boston insisted it was fortunate to escape Game 1 with a 3-0 victory, saying a couple of bounces could have changed the course of the game dramatically. The Penguins blamed their choppy play, including a rare fight by Evgeni Malkin, on an eight-day layoff, stressing there was no need to panic.

The last 16 teams to go up 2-0 in the conference finals have advanced to the Cup finals. The Penguins managed to escape a 2-0 hole against the Bruins in 1991 on their way to the franchise's first championship. □



Boston Bruins' Brad Marchand, center, celebrates his goal with teammates Patrice Bergeron (37) and Johnny Boychuk (55) in the first period of Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Eastern Conference finals against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh on Monday, June 3, 2013.

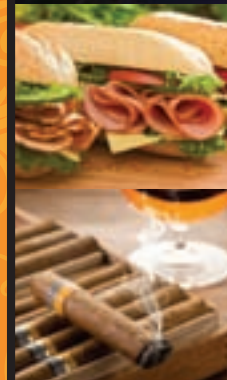
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# Brown goes deep again, Phillies beat Marlins 7-2

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Domonic Brown hit his eighth homer in eight games to back Kyle Kendrick's six-hit-ter as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Miami Marlins 7-2 Monday.

Delmon Young and Erik Kratz also went deep for the Phillies. Brown, the NL player of the month for May, continued his torrid hitting by going 3 for 4. He had 12 homers and 25 RBIs last month, and already has connected twice and driven in six runs in June. He leads the NL with 17 homers.

Kendrick (6-3) retired his last 15 batters and beat the Marlins for the 12th time in 14 decisions. He lowered his ERA to 3.12 with his second complete game of the season and fourth in his career.

The Phillies trailed 2-0 before scoring three in the fifth and chasing Tom Koehler (0-4) with four in the sixth. Kendrick hit his first career triple and drove in a run with a grounder.

**BRAVES 7, PIRATES 2**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Brian McCann, Jason Heyward and Freddie Freeman each hit a two-run homer, helping Kris Medlen and Atlanta beat Pittsburgh.

Medlen (2-6) pitched seven solid innings for his first win since April 9, ending a career-worst five-game skid over his previous nine starts. The right-hander allowed an unearned run and seven hits, lowering his ERA to 3.14.

Pirates catcher Russell Martin and manager Clint Hurdle were ejected by plate umpire Dan Iassogna in the fourth. A.J. Burnett (3-6) yielded eight hits and a season-high six runs in five innings. The three homers allowed matched Burnett's career high.

**REDS 3, ROCKIES 0**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Bronson Arroyo limited the NL's most prolific offense to four singles in eight innings, and Jay Bruce had a two-run homer among his three hits to lead Cincinnati over Colorado.

The Reds have three shut-

outs in their last four games. They've blanked six of their last 21 opponents, tying them with St. Louis and Pittsburgh for the league lead with nine shutouts this season.

Arroyo (6-5) allowed only one runner to reach second base while throwing 86 pitches. Aroldis Chapman gave up a walk and fanned three in the ninth, getting his 15th save in 17 chances.

Bruce scored on Todd Frazier's single in the fourth off Tyler Chatwood (3-1) and hit his ninth homer off left-hander Josh Outman in the eighth. Chatwood left with a sore triceps after pitching four innings.

**CARDINALS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 1**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Lance Lynn pitched seven solid innings and St. Louis got home runs from Yadier Molina and Carlos Beltran in a victory over Arizona.

Lynn (8-1) allowed one run and five hits, struck out six and walked one. He improved to 8-1 for the sec-



Philadelphia Phillies' Domonic Brown connects for a two-run homer during the sixth inning of a baseball game with the Miami Marlins, Monday, June 3, 2013, in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 7-2.

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ond consecutive season while becoming the third National League pitcher to reach eight wins, trailing Patrick Corbin's league-leading nine for the Diamondbacks.

Molina hit a leadoff drive in the fifth on the same day he received a one-game suspension from Major League Baseball for making contact with umpire Mike Everitt during an argument Sunday. The All-Star catcher appealed the de-

cision.

Molina's fourth homer lifted St. Louis to a 5-0 lead. He finished with two hits and two RBIs.

Arizona starter Trevor Cahill (3-6) was charged with five runs and nine hits in five innings. **In other NL games it was Philadelphia 7, Miami 2; Cincinnati 3, Colorado 0; Atlanta 7, Pittsburgh 2; Oakland 10, Milwaukee 2; St. Louis 7, Arizona 1; and L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 1.** □

# Teixeira's slam leads Yankees over Indians 7-4

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mark Teixeira hit a grand slam for his first homer of the season, Brett Gardner had a tiebreaking single in the sixth inning as the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians 7-4 Monday night to spoil Nick Swisher's first game back in the Bronx. Andy Pettitte lasted only 4 2-3 innings in a wild return from the disabled list — his 500th career start. Shawn Kelly (3-0) got the win and Mariano Rivera retired Swisher on a fly to left with a runner on second for his 20th save in 21 chances, securing New York's second win in nine games. Yankees designated hitter Travis Hafner, wearing Swisher's old No. 33, homered against his former team in the seventh off Justin Masterson (8-4), who matched a season high by allowing seven runs.



New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira rounds the bases after hitting a third-inning grand slam off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Justin Masterson in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, June 3, 2013.

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Cleveland shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera had to be helped off the field after straining his right quadriceps running out a grounder in a three-run fifth.

Swisher was greeted warmly when he came to the plate for the first time in the first inning, and again when he took his position

at first base in the bottom half. He played for New York for four years before signing with Cleveland in the offseason.

**ASTROS 2, ANGELS 1**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — Chris Carter homered, Erik Bedard pitched seven strong innings for his first victory of the season as the

last-place Astros completed a four-game sweep of the Angels.

Brandon Barnes drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning as the Astros finished a perfect six-game road trip with their seventh win over the big-budget Angels in 10 meetings this season. Joe Blanton (1-9) picked up his AL-worst ninth loss for the Angels despite matching his career high with 11 strikeouts and allowing just three hits in eight outstanding innings. Jose Veras struck out Hank Conger with two runners on in the ninth for his 11th save.

Bedard (1-2) hadn't won in his last 11 starts dating to last season, but the veteran lefty gave up just five hits and a run despite entering the night with a career 7.08 ERA at Angel Stadium.

**MARINERS 4, WHITE SOX 2**  
**SEATTLE (AP)** — Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer and Joe Saunders pitched into the seventh inning to help the Mariners send the White Sox to their seventh consecutive loss.

It's the longest slide for Chicago since dropping seven in a row in September 2011. Tom Wilhelmson, who had blown three of his last four save opportunities, gave up a two-out RBI single to Adam Dunn in the ninth but earned his 13th save. Saunders (4-5) returned to his winning ways at Safeco Field, allowing one run and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. Saunders is 10-1 at the Mariners' ballpark. **In other AL games it was N.Y. Yankees 7, Cleveland 4; Oakland 10, Milwaukee 2; Houston 2, L.A. Angels 1; and Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 2.** □



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## NBA Finals

# Miami Heat, San Antonio Spurs to play for NBA title

**TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** — The NBA Finals matchup is finally set, and the Miami Heat will either win a second straight title or the San Antonio Spurs will deny LeBron James a championship ring for the second time. The Heat earned their third consecutive Eastern Conference title on Monday, beating the Indiana Pacers 99-76 in Game 7 of their series.

So it's Heat vs. Spurs for the Larry O'Brien Trophy, a series that will begin on Thursday in Miami, on the same floor where the Heat and James finished off Oklahoma City to win last season's title.

Miami is looking for its third championship, San Antonio its fifth. And for James, it's a chance to erase a memory that has stung him for six years.

His first trip to the finals came when he was with the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2007, and it was ugly — the Spurs winning in a four-game sweep for what was their fourth title. San Antonio has not won the West since, so maybe it's fitting that its return comes against James, albeit with the now four-time Most Valuable Player in a different uniform.

"Obviously, I needed more," James said. "Our team, we were really good, but we weren't great. And that was a great team. We lost to a better team. So I understand that we needed more. We continued to get better over the years, but we never got to that level."

When that series was over, Spurs forward Tim Duncan approached James in a quiet moment and offered

some words of encouragement about his budding superstardom.

Four MVPs, two more finals trips and one ring — and counting — later, James' star level is now meteoric. He'll have a chance to not only win consecutive championships, but consecutive regular-season and finals MVPs as well.

"The best player in the world," is how Indiana coach Frank Vogel described James.

When the Heat and Spurs meet, it will mark their third meeting of the season. It may as well be the first.

Miami won both games this season, though it's doubtful much of anything worthwhile could be gleaned for the scouting reports from those contests. The Spurs sat four regulars in the first meeting, and drew a \$250,000 fine from the NBA after coach Gregg Popovich's decision to send Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Danny Green and Tony Parker home before the game and at the end of a long road trip.

Predictably, Popovich's decision was immediately subject to scrutiny, and he even joked in his pre-game media availability that night that the crowd of journalists around him resembled what he'd see in an NBA Finals setting.

Which, come Wednesday when both teams will practice in Miami, is exactly what Popovich will see. It'll be a finals that have a clash of on-court, off-court and even cultural styles. The Heat play a flashier brand of basketball, have stars who are some of the world's best-known — and best-paid — endorsers of products, and have had no choice but to embrace



In this May 19, 2012, file photo, San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, center, of Argentina, celebrates with center Tim Duncan, left, and guard Tony Parker of France, during the second half in Game 3 of an NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference semifinals against the Los Angeles Clippers in Los Angeles. Parker and Duncan receive a lion's share of credit for San Antonio's run of success over the past 16 years. But the Spurs know they will need a healthy Ginobili in the NBA Finals against the Miami Heat. Associated Press

a constant spotlight. The Spurs, meanwhile, seem to revel in shunning any sort of extra attention. "I wouldn't say we avoid the attention, but I don't think we're out seeking it," Spurs forward Matt Bonner said. "Our team culture starts with our leadership, guys like Timmy and Coach Pop, that we focus on ourselves and what we need to do to complete the task, get the job done. Whatever attention we get outside of that, I don't think we run from it, but we're not out seeking it. At least, I think so. I hope so."

When the teams met in San Antonio in late March, Miami's 27-game winning streak — the second-best run in NBA history — had just ended, so the Heat kept James, Dwyane Wade and Mario Chalmers out while dealing with injuries. And Miami prevailed



Miami Heat players Dwyane Wade, left, Chris Bosh and LeBron James talk following the presentation of the NBA Eastern Conference trophy following Game 7 in their NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals playoff series against the Indiana Pacers, Tuesday, June 4, 2013 in Miami. The Heat defeated the Pacers 99-76 to advance to the NBA finals against the San Antonio Spurs. Associated Press

anyway behind Chris Bosh, who hit a late 3-pointer to seal an 88-86 victory. Nobody will be resting anybody in the finals. The

Spurs, who will have been idle for more than a week by the time Game 1 starts, finally know who stands in their way. □



# Problem Child (ADD/ADHD/Autism) -



By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Some of you who were lucky enough to know me as a child might remember me as a child who required a disproportionate amount of attention or correction. Called a "problem child" by some and kindly described by the smarter ones of you who realize that I just wanted to "do my own thing". There are a group of boys; we are in our late fifties now, growing up in Aruba who I fondly remember as the "bad boys". Really bad? Not really, we were expressing our own budding individualism in healthy ways.

Unfortunately, today when we describe a boy who "requires a disproportionate amount of attention or correction" we are probably of talking about a boy suffering from developmental disorders such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or autism. This is bad. Worse, having to recognize that we are in an epidemic that conservatively affects 1 in 166 children; there are many more autistic boys than girls. 1 in 68 families have a child that needs a disproportionate amount of attention.

Epidemic? Yes, the incidence of autism has in-

creased from 1 in 10,000 in the 1970s to 1 in 150 today, an increase of over 6,000%. Many more children are diagnosed with other neurodevelopmental disorders all considered to be on the same spectrum including Asperger's, ADHD/ADD, speech delay, autism and many other developmental and learning disabilities. This condition is so new that Traditional Chinese Medicine has no name for these conditions.

There are three distinctive behaviors that characterize these disorders. At the extreme end of the spectrum, autistic children have difficulties with social interaction, problems with verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors or narrow, obsessive interests. These behaviors can range in impact from mild to disabling.

The hallmark feature of autism is impaired social interaction. Parents are usually the first to notice symptoms of autism in their child. As early as infancy, a baby with autism may be unresponsive to people or focus intently on one item to the exclusion of others for long periods of time.

A child with autism may appear to develop normally and then withdraw and become indifferent to social engagement. The normal development period has been noted to be up to when the child was immunized.

Childhood vaccinations, including flu shots, and even B-complex injections use Thimerosal as a preservative. Thimerosal is a mercury-containing organic

compound. Since the 1930s, it has been widely used as a preservative in a number of biological and drug products, including many vaccines. For many medical researchers there is a direct link between the exposure of mercury, a widely known neurotoxin, and the increasing incidences of autism.

Since mercury is the most toxic heavy metal, in our grass-roots clinic we started screening our child patients suffering from neurodevelopmental disorders for toxic heavy metals using head hair. Over the years we have realized what numerous scientists have that autism, autistic spectrum disorders and ADD have similar characteristics to those of chronic metal toxicity. Knowing that toxic metals disable a growing body and brain by producing chronic irritation, I started looking for all the culprits of chronic inflammation in these children.

Many of my articles are about the foundation of all degenerative diseases and conditions – chronic inflammation.

The triad responsible for generating chronic inflammation in your body is: toxic heavy metals, bowel toxicities, and the wrong food for your metabolic or blood type. There is now a great deal of information available that tells us that toxic metals and chemicals such as mercury, lead, arsenic, cadmium, insecticides and pesticides are a causative factor in many cases of autism and ADD.

Inflammation in the brain is clearly a feature of autism, according to a study published November 2004, in Annals of Neurology, the sci-

entific journal of the American Neurological Association. The researchers found strong evidence that certain immune system components that promote inflammation are consistently activated in people with autism.

Both of my boys are over six feet healthy guys, who have grown strong without cow's milk. Milk today would be dangerous if it is not pasteurized. However, the pasteurization process turns milk casein into a very dangerous molecule that inflames and injures the brain.

We have witnessed children with neurodevelopmental disorder symptoms caused as a result of malabsorption and intolerances to certain foods, especially dairy products and gluten contained in wheat and grain products. Some of our patients' parents have reported remarkable changes after the elimination of these foods from the diets of their children.

Consistently, we find strong indications of chronic inflammation in children exhibiting development problems. To treat their symptoms we feed our children foods that are compatible with their metabolic type, which they can digest, foods that do not cause constipation, foods that will give them back the bacterial environment to temper these inflammatory conditions.

Treatment should begin with a healthy diet, high in quality protein foods such as eggs, lean meat, vegetables and balanced essential oils. Hair tests can identify toxic heavy metals and blood tests can reveal the damage done by pesti-

cides and insecticides.

Get The Point! Corresponding to the epidemic rise over the past decade treatments and therapies have been developed which greatly increase our ability to help children with developmental problems. Many of our children recover or improve dramatically given the proper therapies. Understanding the options provide parents the tools needed to benefit our children. Need some tools to help your child? - Viana Natural Healing Center, Tel: (297-585-1270), [www.viananaturalhealing.com](http://www.viananaturalhealing.com)

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# 'Internship' film focuses on Google's good side

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

This scene isn't in the movie, but it might have been fitting if "The Internship" had ended with stars Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson wearing ruby red shoes while clicking their heels and dreamily whispering, "There's no place like Google; there's no place like Google."

The new comedy depicts Google as corporate America's equivalent of the Emerald City from "The Wizard of Oz" — a colorful place where all the food is free, interesting people and gadgets loom around every corner and dreams can come true for those who think big enough, work hard enough and collaborate as a team to make it happen.

It's a nearly two-hour showcase for Google's idealistic culture and for a product line that's becoming deeply ingrained in people's technology-dependent lives.

"The Internship," which hits theaters Friday, will likely be a hit among Google-loving geeks and fans of feel-good flicks, especially those with an affinity for the riffing and mirthful chemistry between Vaughn and Wilson. The two are back together for the first time since "Wedding Crashers" came out eight years ago. But the film may not create such warm and fuzzy feel-

ings among Google critics who view the company as a self-interested bully that tramples over copyrights, intrudes into people's privacy and stifles competition by abusing its power as the Internet's main gateway. All of these concerns have been the focal points of high-profile regulatory investigations and lawsuits. Yet none of that is raised in the movie, which revolves around a couple of 40-something-old guys who become clueless interns at Google after losing their jobs selling a product — wristwatches — supplanted by innovation.

Everyone enamored with Google Inc. after seeing the movie should keep one thing in mind. "This is not a documentary on Google where you come in and say, 'This is exactly the way things are done there,'" Vaughn told an audience of real-life Google interns and technology reporters after a screening of "The Internship" in San Francisco. The biggest misnomer about the movie revolves around Google's summer internship program. As the movie portrays, Google does indeed select about 1,500 elite university students from around the world to participate, but the film conjures an imaginary curriculum for the sake of entertainment.

In the film, the interns are separated into teams that compete in different

disciplines to win the ultimate prize: full-time jobs at Google. At one point, the teams even engage in a game of Quidditch, the mythical sport that aspiring wizards in "Harry Potter" play to prove their prowess. None of this is actually part of Google's real-life program, according to the company.

Another scene suggests that Google puts a premium on training employees to work a customer help line — a concept that will seem incredulous to anyone who has ever had a problem with a Google service and tried to reach a human being on the telephone. Like many other Silicon Valley companies, Google directs people to look through its own online help articles or ask other users on message boards. Amid the fictional hijinks, the movie casts a spotlight on Google's ever-growing stable of products beyond Internet search, including YouTube, Gmail, Maps, Chrome Web browser and language translation. Google's driverless cars get a cameo, but its wearable computing device, Google Glass, doesn't appear. Device connoisseurs will notice characters using a phone made by Google-owned Motorola Mobility and devices with Google's Nexus brand. The free advertising came without Google contributing to the film's nearly



This film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox shows Owen Wilson, right, and Vince Vaughn in a scene from "The Internship." Associated Press

\$60 million budget. Some of Google's rivals also get screen time. There are glimpses of Apple's iPhone and iPad during the film. Facebook's photo-sharing service Instagram gets a shoutout. Location-sharing service Foursquare gets a passing mention, although not in a flattering way. A character describes Foursquare's tracking ability as creepy, a description often slapped on Google services that monitor people's whereabouts and preferences. Although the movie does have some good-natured fun at the expense of the intelligent oddballs working at Google, it mostly focuses on the positive side of a company whose motto is "don't be evil." Likening Google to an Oz-like oasis isn't totally far-fetched. The company's headquarters in Mountain View, California, does sometimes seem like a fantasyland — a cross be-

tween a surreal think tank and a college campus sheltered from the worries and hardship of the world around it.

To make Google seem even more mystical, the movie's director, Shawn Levy, said he filmed the first 15 minutes or so of the movie in dull, bland colors. That way, the bright reds, yellows and greens splattered across the company's headquarters seem even more vibrant.

In some instances, it's not really Google's headquarters. Much of the movie was filmed at Georgia Tech and other parts of the Atlanta area.

Other Silicon Valley companies, most notably Facebook Inc. and Apple Inc., have created their own versions of Shangri-La, but Google's allure stood out to Vaughn a couple years ago when he first began mulling his idea for "The Internship." □

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# US markets continue slide on stimulus worries

**MATTHEW CRAFT**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks dipped on Wall Street on Tuesday as traders anticipated a pullback in economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve.

It was the latest volatile turn in stock trading as investors try to figure out when and by how much the central bank will ease back on its \$85 billion a month in bond purchases.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 76.49 points to 15,177.54, a drop of 0.5 percent. It had been down as much as 153 points. The Dow had gained for the previous 20 Tuesdays in a row. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 9.04 points to close at 1,631.38, a drop of 0.6 percent.

The Nasdaq composite fell 20.11 points to 3,445.26, down 0.6 percent.

Esther George, president of the Kansas City branch of the Federal Reserve, said in comments meant for a speech that in light of "improving economic conditions" and other reasons, "I

support slowing the pace of asset purchases as an appropriate next step for monetary policy."

"History suggests that waiting too long to acknowledge the economy's progress and prepare markets for more normal policy settings carries no less risk than tightening too soon," according to the prepared text. The speech was canceled due to illness, but the comments were posted on the website of the Kansas City branch of the Fed.

The Fed's next move will be to slow down its bond purchases, but nobody is sure when that will happen. As a result, traders have seized on comments from Fed officials and minutes from a recent meeting of Fed policymakers to send stock and bond prices swinging sharply over the past two weeks.

The next data point for investors is the Labor Department's closely watched monthly employment survey due out Friday. Oddly enough, a weak report might be encouraging

to stock investors since it would imply that the Fed would keep buying bonds to support the economy.

On Monday, traders interpreted an unexpected slowdown in U.S. manufacturing last month as the lat-

people are getting ready for the end of the week," said Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management in Minneapolis.

The Fed's bond purchases have helped keep bond

low interest rates.

Many investors expect long-term interest rates to rise when the Fed scales back its bond-buying. If they climb high enough, more investors may be tempted to buy bonds instead of stocks. Trying to anticipate that outcome, many traders are pre-emptively selling stocks.

The current yield of 2.13 percent on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note is extremely low by historical standards. It's also nearly identical to the average dividend payment of 2.14 percent for stocks in the S&P 500.

General Motors gained 1.6 percent Tuesday on news that the company will be added to the S&P 500 index on Thursday, replacing H.J. Heinz Co. The ketchup maker is being acquired by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and the private equity firm 3G Capital. GM rose 54 cents to \$34.96.

The price of crude oil slipped 14 cents to \$93.31 a barrel, and gold fell \$14.70 to \$1,397.20 an ounce. □



**Traders use their handheld devices as they work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Uncertainty about the U.S. Federal Reserve's next course of action and a sharp, sudden plunge on Wall Street sent stock markets lower Tuesday, June 4, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

est sign that the Fed wasn't close to winding down its stimulus program.

"You gotta believe that

prices high and the yields they pay low. The Fed's goal is to encourage borrowing and investing with

# US home prices jumped in April by most in 7 years

**C. S. RUGABER**  
**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. home prices soared 12.1 percent in April from a year earlier, the biggest gain since February 2006, as more buyers competed for fewer homes.

Real estate data provider CoreLogic says prices rose in April from the previous April in 48 states. Prices also rose 3.2 percent in April from March, much better than the previous month-to-month gain of 1.9 percent.

Prices in Nevada jumped 24.6 percent from a year earlier, the most among the states. California's gain was next at 19.4 percent, followed by Arizona's 17.3 percent, Hawaii's 17 percent and Oregon's 15.5 percent.

More people are looking to purchase homes. But the number of homes for sale is 14 percent lower than it was a year ago. The supply shortage has contributed

to the price increases.

Rising home prices can help sustain the housing recovery. They encourage more homeowners to sell. And they spur would-be homeowners to buy before prices increase further.

Home sales and prices began to recover last year, six years after the housing bust.

They have been buoyed by steady job gains and low mortgage rates.

Sales of previously occupied homes ticked up to a 3 ½ year high in April, according to the National Association of Realtors. And they are likely to keep growing: A measure of signed contracts to buy

homes rose to its highest level in three years in April. There is generally a one- to two-month lag between a signed contract and a completed sale.

The limited supply of homes has also made builders more willing to ramp up construction. That's creating more construction jobs.

Applications for building permits rose in April to the highest level in nearly five years.

Prices rose in April from the previous year in 94 out of the 100 largest U.S. cities, CoreLogic said. That's up from 88 in the previous month. Los Angeles and Phoenix reported the biggest price gains among the cities, CoreLogic said. Prices in both cities leapt 19.2 percent compared with a year earlier.

They were followed by Atlanta and Riverside-San Bernardino, which both posted 16.5 percent gains. Dallas rounded out the top five, with a 10.2 percent increase.

Despite the large gains, home prices are more than 22 percent below their April 2006 peak, the CoreLogic survey found.

In Nevada, they are still 47.3 percent below their peak, and in Florida, prices are 40.5 percent below their peak. □



**In this Tuesday, April 9, 2013 photo, an "Under Contract" sign is posted outside a home in Carmel, Ind. U.S. home prices soared 12.1 percent in April from a year earlier, the biggest gain since February 2006, as more buyers competed for fewer homes, real estate data provider CoreLogic reports, Tuesday, June 4, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)



## Judge issues halt to Royalty Pharma bid for Elan stock

### The Associated Press

Irish drugmaker Elan Corp.'s fight against a takeover bid by Royalty Pharma has spilled into U.S. federal court, where a judge has issued a temporary restraining order preventing Royalty from completing its offer to buy the company. Royalty is a privately held New York company that buys royalty interests in drugs and late-stage drug candidates.

It made an offer to buy Elan last month for \$12.50 per share, or about \$7.5 billion.

Its offer was conditioned on shareholders rejecting an Elan push to refocus its business after selling its interest in the blockbuster multiple sclerosis treatment Tysabri.

Elan has said the Royalty offer, which is scheduled to expire Thursday, undervalues Elan and is not in shareholders' best interests. It also has accused Royalty of deliberately misleading shareholders about the value of the Tysabri deal.

A Royalty Pharma representative declined to comment on that accusation. Elan also announced Tuesday that Royalty has agreed not to distribute its proxy statement to Elan shareholders until regulators in Ireland can review it. Elan sold its interest in Tysabri to former development partner Biogen Idec Inc. for \$3.25 billion in cash and recurring royalty payments. Royalty has said its offer represented a "compelling value" of \$4.6 billion for Elan's Tysabri royalty, and it said Elan sold about half its rights in Tysabri to Biogen. But Elan countered that it has never suggested that the \$3.25 billion upfront payment represented half of its rights,

and such an assumption was a simple attempt to overstate the premium Royalty's offer provides. Elan recently announced a push to diversify. It will pay about \$338 million for a privately held Austrian drug developer and at least \$110 million for stakes in two other companies. □

# AMR creditors to vote on US Airways merger

### Associated Press

**DALLAS (AP)** — A federal judge is clearing the way for American Airlines creditors to vote on a merger with US Airways that would create the world's biggest airline. A U.S. bankruptcy judge on Tuesday approved American Airlines parent AMR Corp.'s description of a restructuring plan, including the merger. If creditors approve the plan, the company will return to court to seek final approval this summer.

The judge delayed a ruling on AMR CEO Tom Horton's \$19.9 million severance package. The U.S. trustee's office, part of the Justice Department, objected that the size of Horton's payout violated at 2005 law designed to limit payments by bankrupt companies to insiders.

Under the merger plan, the combined airline will be run by US Airways Group Inc. CEO Doug Parker, and Horton will serve briefly as chairman before stepping down. The merged company will be called American Airlines Group Inc.

AMR spokesman Michael Trevino said in a statement that the turnaround plan would "provide the foundation for a stronger future for our people and our customers."

AMR filed for bankruptcy protection in November 2011, and US Airways

pushed for a merger throughout 2012. In February, the companies announced plans to merge.

AMR lost money in April, but it has slashed labor costs by about one-fifth, and Horton last week said the company was on track for a "strongly profitable" April-

to-June quarter.

The merger and turnaround plan would result in full repayment to AMR bondholders. Shareholders, whose investments usually are wiped out in bankruptcy, would get at least 3.5 percent of the new company's stock. □



An American Airlines jet sits on the tarmac. A federal judge is clearing the way for American Airlines creditors to vote on a merger with US Airways that would create the world's biggest airline. (Handout Photo)

## Italian entrepreneur takes control of La Perla

### COLLEEN BARRY AP Business Writer

**MILAN (AP)** — An Italian businessman who founded several technology firms and has been embroiled in a complex tax evasion trial won control Tuesday of the struggling La Perla luxury lingerie and beachwear brand, beating out Italian hosiery and bathing suit maker Calzedonia.

Silvio Scaglia, who founded both the Omnitel phone company and then Fastweb broadband provider before selling them off at a healthy profit, has more recently turned his attentions to the fashion business. He recently bought the Elite modeling agency, which he said led him to consider La Perla.

"We realized that Elite has the potential to really add value to a company like La Perla due to its relationship to the fashion business, links to music to entertainment,

all of this tends to point more and more to the luxury consumer," Scaglia

Scaglia's SMS Finance holding company made the winning bid in a Bolo-

maintain all 800 employees and to invest at least 110 million euros to relaunch the brand,

which has seen sales shrink to 100 million euros last year from 250 million a decade ago. The family-run company launched in 1954 was sold to the U.S. private equity fund JH Partners in 2007, which initiated pre-bankruptcy proceedings.

Under the deal, Scaglia will lease the assets until the bankruptcy proceedings are completed, at which time he will get full ownership.

His goal is to double sales in a year.

"There has been a significant reduction in sales volumes. I think a good deal of this was management mistakes.

The reaction to the crisis has been to cut costs to the point of the real muscle, and not just the fat," Scaglia said in an interview. □



Italian businessman Silvio Scaglia won control Tuesday of the struggling La Perla luxury lingerie and beachwear brand. (handout Photo)

said in an interview. "The fashion world is one where Italy has clear excellence. I see the potential with it very clearly."

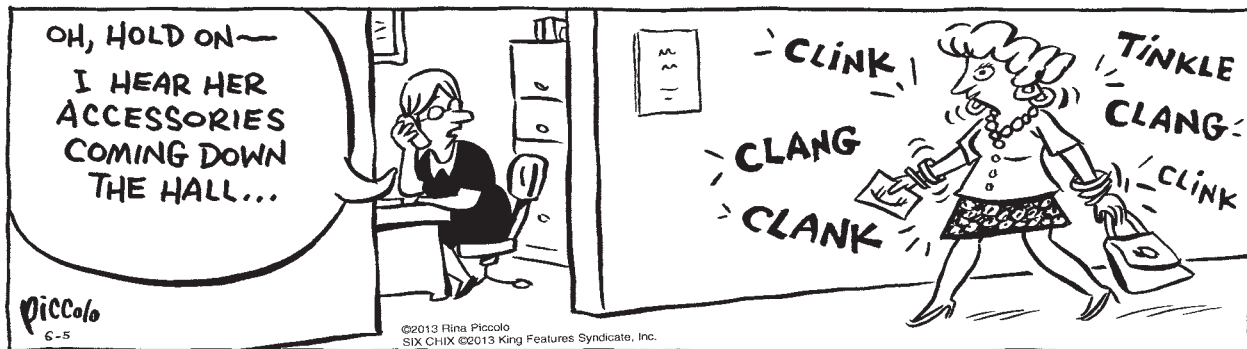
gna bankruptcy court of 69 million euros (\$90 million), 1 million euros more than Calzedonia's bid. Scaglia has pledged to



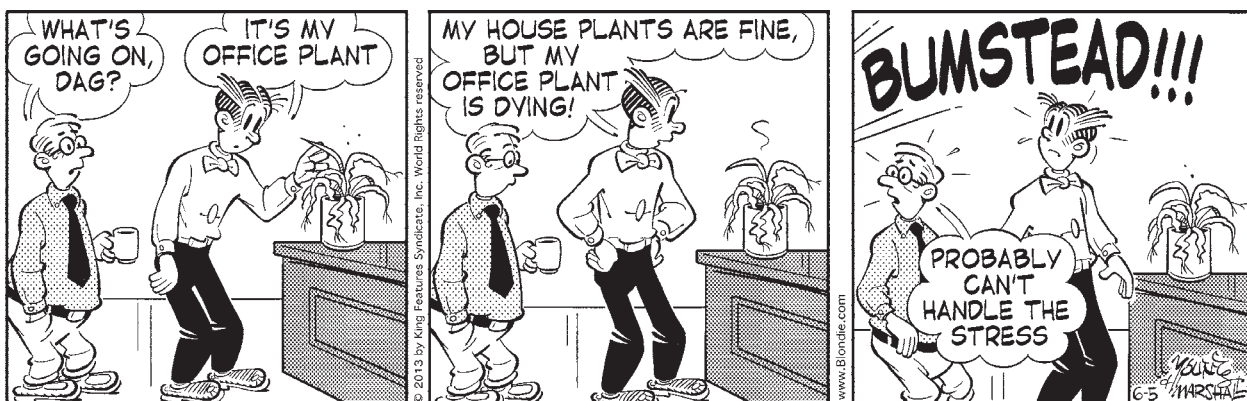
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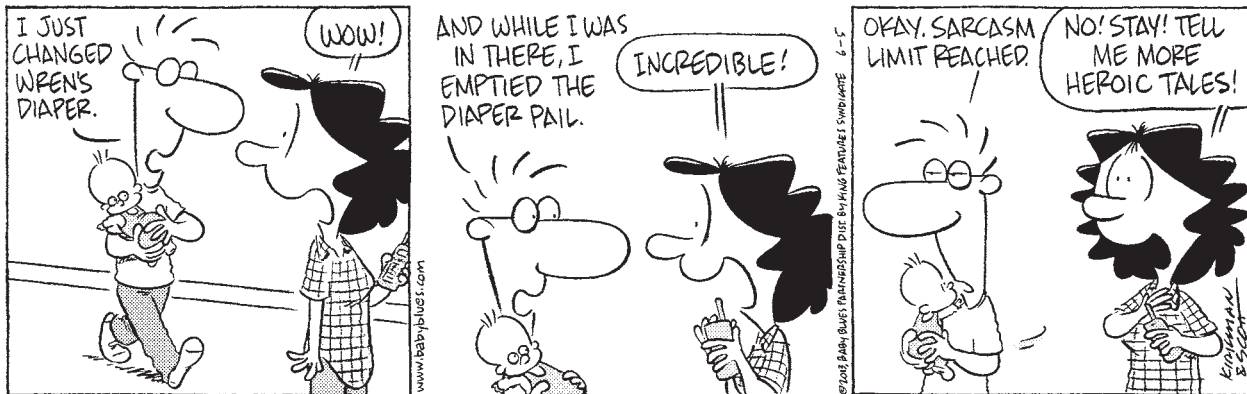
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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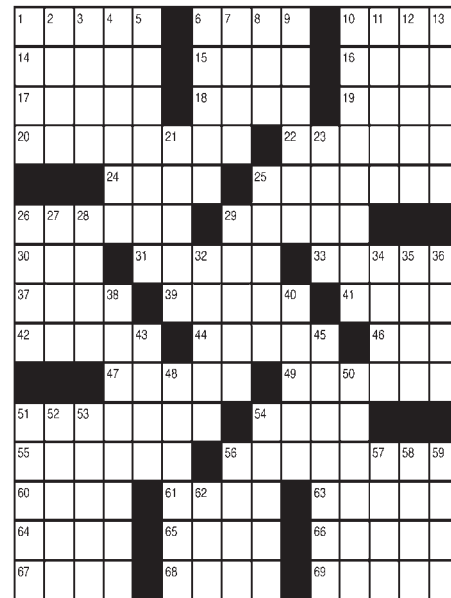
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

8	5	7	6	1	9	2	4	3
9	3	2	8	5	4	6	1	7
6	1	4	7	2	3	9	5	8
4	9	1	5	7	2	8	3	6
5	6	8	3	9	1	7	2	4
7	2	3	4	6	8	5	9	1
3	8	9	2	4	7	1	6	5
2	7	5	1	3	6	4	8	9
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### ACROSS

- Spouses
- Chances
- Guinea pigs & kittens, e.g.
- Black wood
- Colorado resort
- Leave out
- Toboggans
- Thus
- Company symbol
- Reluctant to make a move
- Café server
- Latest information
- Violently frenzied
- Mystery; puzzle
- Roost
- Berth or bunk
- Vision
- Mounds
- Hairless on top
- Commonplace
- Let fall
- Iron alloy
- Open-eyed
- British custom
- Spades and diamonds, e.g.
- Cooks in the oven
- Predict
- Actor Johnny
- Pain reliever
- Signal to stop
- Communists
- Door handle
- Spooky
- Pine or palm
- Vane direction
- Show contempt for
- Difficult
- Coloring solutions
- Stitched
- Mark on a school test
- Carney and Garfunkel
- Wordsworth or Longfellow
- Mineral springs
- No longer with us
- Large kitchen appliances
- Move quickly
- Delve
- Not as fast
- Rubbed to a shine
- Shed phony tears
- Striped feline
- Wading bird
- Look for expectantly
- Part of the foot
- Ms. Midler
- Recedes
- Ships
- Not working
- Gramm and Mickelson
- Goofed
- Go on and on
- Wearing no shirt
- Emitted a strong odor
- Per person
- And so \_\_; et cetera
- Musical drama
- Equestrian
- Amounts owed
- Stood up
- Get larger
- Take on, as employees
- Take care of
- Anti's vote



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### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

BLUR	ABDUL	STUB
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AND	GAGARIN	HIE
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DRAIN	ALP	RARER
DENSE	BUM	
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# Hong Kong holds June 4 vigil as it bristles at Beijing

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**Associated Press**

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Every year, Hong Kong residents gather in droves for the annual vigil to commemorate the Tiananmen democracy protests. More than marking the brutal crackdown in Beijing 24 years

reverse its verdict on the protests, which Communist Party leaders have condemned as a counterrevolutionary riot. In Beijing, there was no sign of large-scale protest, but some people answered a call by activists to wear black to work

dia, searches for words including "commemorate" and "6\_4" were banned, and the candle emoticon was removed. In Hong Kong, the event has taken on a life of its own, with residents of the now-semiautonomous Chinese region expressing unhappiness that their administrators are still hand-picked by Beijing despite promises of more democracy. "There are more people who want to use this vigil regarding June 4 as a way to protest against Beijing's heavy-handed intervention in Hong Kong affairs," said Willy Lam, a professor at Chinese University of Hong Kong. When Hong Kongers poured into the streets in 1989, their sympathy with the protesters in Beijing had more to do with fears about impending Chinese rule — then eight years away. Now it's about current problems that include corruption, a leader viewed by many as inept and tin-eared, and a yawning wealth gap that has stifled the aspirations of the

city's large middle-class. And "of course it also expresses the anger of people over the Chinese government messing with our democratic reform," said pro-democracy legislator Lee Cheuk-yan. Mike Yip, a sales consultant attending the vigil, said people were dissatisfied with the lack of reform. "Everybody understands we can't change anything in the short term but we hope that slowly there will be changes," he said. When Hong Kong was handed back to China in 1997, it was allowed to keep its own political system and Western-style civil liberties such as freedom of speech until 2047. □



Students hold candles in heavy rain as tens of thousands of people attend a candlelight vigil at Hong Kong's Victoria Park Tuesday, June 4, 2013 to mark the 24th anniversary of the June 4th Chinese military crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in Beijing.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

ago, the event here increasingly symbolizes disaffection with rule by China. Tens of thousands of people gathered Tuesday evening at a large park in the former British colony. They turned the park into a sea of flickering light as they held candles aloft to remember those killed when their protests in central Beijing were crushed by the Chinese military on June 4, 1989. Commemorations of the crackdown are suppressed everywhere else in China.

The vigil was cut short by a brief but heavy tropical downpour that sent some scurrying for the exits. But many remained, huddling with their candles under umbrellas. Organizers estimated a crowd of 150,000 while police put the number at 54,000, local media reported.

"We need to let everyone know" about what happened, said Alex Lai, a 26-year-old accountant who has been attending the vigil for 10 years. "Because if you don't hold this event then the memory will quickly be forgotten." Organizers and crowd members called for Beijing to

in remembrance. As in previous years, many pro-democracy activists themselves were not allowed to leave their homes to mark the anniversary. On the country's lively social me-

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# Stinky feet may lead to better malaria traps

**MARIA CHENG**  
**AP Medical Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — For decades, health officials have battled malaria with insecticides, bed nets and drugs. Now, scientists say there might be a potent new tool to fight the deadly mosquito-borne disease: the stench of human feet. In a laboratory study, researchers found that mosquitoes infected with the tropical disease were more attracted to human odors from a dirty sock than those that didn't carry malaria. Insects carrying malaria parasites were three times more likely to be drawn to the stinky stockings.

The new finding may help create traps that target only malaria-carrying mosquitoes, researchers say.

"Smelly feet have a use after all," said Dr. James Logan, who headed the research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "Every time we identify a new part of how the malaria mosquito interacts with us, we're one step closer to controlling it better."

The sock findings were published last month in the journal, PLoS One.

Malaria is estimated to kill more than 600,000 people every year, mostly children in Africa.

Experts have long known that mosquitoes are drawn



**Volunteer Felix Preston lies in an odor extractor in a mosquito laboratory at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, Thursday, May 30, 2013. Researchers at the school have discovered that malaria-infected mosquitoes are more attracted to human odors.**

**Associated Press**

to human odors, but it was unclear if being infected with malaria made them even more attracted to us. Infected mosquitoes are believed to make up about 1 percent of the mosquito population.

Using traps that only target malaria mosquitoes could result in fewer mosquitoes becoming resistant to the insecticides used to kill them. And it would likely be difficult for the insects to evade traps based on their sense of smell, scientists say.

"The only way mosquitoes

to identify the chemicals in human foot odor so that it can be made synthetically for mosquito traps. But given mosquitoes' highly developed sense of smell, getting that formula right will be challenging.

Some smelly cheeses have the same odor as feet, Logan noted.

"But mosquitoes aren't attracted to cheese because they've evolved to know the difference," he said.

"You have to get the mixture, ratios and concentrations of those chemicals exactly right otherwise the mosquito won't think it's a human."

Scientists said it's crucial to understand the subtleties of mosquito behavior. Other studies have shown mosquitoes don't become



**Scientist James Logan speaks to Associated Press in a mosquito laboratory at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, Thursday, May 30, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

## Texas banker puts up \$1M for tricky math solution

**PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP)** — A Texas banker is upping the ante to \$1 million for whoever solves a tricky problem that's been dogging mathematicians since the 1980s.

The Providence, Rhode Island-based American Mathematical Society on Tuesday said \$1 million will be awarded for the publication of a solution to the Beal Conjecture number theory problem.

Dallas banker D. Andrew Beal first offered the Beal

Prize in 1997 for \$5,000. Over the years, the amount has grown.

American Mathematical Society spokesman Michael Breen says a solution is more difficult than the one for a related problem, Fermat's Last Theorem, which didn't have a published solution for hundreds of years.

Beal is a self-taught mathematician and says he wants to inspire young people to pursue math and science. □

could (develop resistance) is if they were less attracted to human odors," said Andrew Read, a professor of biology and entomology at the University of Pennsylvania, who was not part of Logan's research. "And if they did that and started feeding on something else — like cows — that would be fine."

Read said the same strategy might also work to target insects that carry other diseases such as dengue and Japanese encephali-

tis.

In a related study, Logan and colleagues also sealed human volunteers into a foil bag to collect their body odor as they grew hot and sweaty. The odors were then piped into a tube next door, alongside another tube untainted by human odor.

Afterwards, mosquitoes were released and had the option of flying into either tube. The insects buzzed in droves into the smelly tube. Logan said the next step is

attracted to humans for about two weeks — the time it takes for the malaria parasites to become infectious for humans.

"At the moment, we only have these glimpses of how parasites are manipulating the mosquitoes," said George Christophides, chair of infectious disease and immunity at Imperial College London. "We need to exploit that information to help us control malaria." □





In a Friday Oct. 5, 2012 file photo, actress Jennifer Love Hewitt poses at Variety's 4th annual Power of Women event, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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## Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt expecting first child

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jennifer Love Hewitt and Brian Hallisay, who co-star on Lifetime's "The Client List," are expecting their first child. In a statement released Tuesday by Hewitt's publicist, the couple said: "This is a wonderful time and we are looking forward to starting our family together."

The 34-year-old actress was previously engaged to Scottish actor Ross McCall. Hallisay, also 34, was a recurring character on the first season of "The Client List." He became a regular this season. He also appeared on the CW series "Privileged." Us Weekly first reported the news. □

## Kate Winslet expecting a baby with new husband

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Kate Winslet is going to be a mom again. A representative for the 37-year-old Oscar winner confirms Winslet and husband Ned Rocknroll are expecting a child. People.com first reported the pregnancy Tuesday. Winslet has two children

from her two previous marriages: 12-year-old Mia, whose father is director Jim Threapleton, and 9-year-old Joe, the son of director Sam Mendes. Winslet and Rocknroll were married in December. Rocknroll is the nephew of entrepreneur Richard Branson. □



In this Dec. 9, 2012 file photo, British actress Kate Winslet, left, arrives with Ned Rocknroll at the awards presentation of The Longines Hong Kong Cup horse race at the Shatin race track in Hong Kong.

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# Charice comes out as lesbian, apologizes to family

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**

— Charice Pempengco, a Filipino singer who played an exchange student in "Glee," says she's a lesbian and has apologized to her family in an emotional TV interview.

The 21-year-old said on Sunday's talk show on ABS-CBN TV that she wants to apologize to those who do not understand and cannot accept her. She mentioned her mother and brother.

"I don't know what the problem with that is because for me, that isn't a problem," Charice said, adding, "To all those who will accept me, thank you very, very much."

Charice said that after her public coming out, she could now "leave my house without hiding anything."

Most comments online and in the local media were supportive of the singer.

But an official with the Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. Melvin Castro, stirred controversy by saying Charice was experiencing an identity crisis.

Charice and her brother were raised by their single mother. She sang in local



In this Sept. 7, 2010 file photo, Charice, a cast member in "Glee," arrives at the television show's second season premiere in Los Angeles

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contests and appeared on TV talent shows in the Philippines and South Korea before she got a big break on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" at age 15.

She also appeared in Oprah Winfrey's talk show and starred in "Glee" in 2011.

Castro, the executive secretary of the Episcopal Commission on Family and Life, asked the public not to judge the singer while she is still trying to "discover her real feelings."

With spiritual counseling, she may still realize she is re-

ally heterosexual, he said. "If her situation is really same-sex attraction, then we have to help her live a life that is celibate and pure," Castro told The Associated Press.

The Catholic Church rejects homosexual behavior, including same-sex marriage, and the church is influential in the predominantly Roman Catholic country.

But the gay community is growing in the Philippines, and there are many respected and popular gay entertainers. □

## Judge enters Kardashian-Humphries divorce judgment

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A Los Angeles judge has finalized Kim Kardashian's divorce from National Basketball Association player Kris Humphries.

Court records show the couple's divorce judgment was formally entered by Superior Court Judge Hank Goldberg on Monday. The filing does not reveal any new details about the couple's split.

They reached a settlement in their long-running divorce case in April and signed the judgment in late May.

Humphries had been seeking an annulment of the couple's marriage but agreed to a divorce before a trial on the matter.

He claimed the couple's lavish, televised wedding was based on fraud, but he never detailed his allegations in court.

Kardashian, a reality show star, filed for divorce in 2011 after the couple had been married 72 days.

Humphries plays for the Brooklyn Nets. □



In this Aug. 17, 2011 file photo, Kim Kardashian, right, and her then fiance, NBA basketball player Kris Humphries, arrive at the Kardashian Collection launch party in Los Angeles.

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# What do Spike Lee and Bob Saget have in common?

**SANDY COHEN**

**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Some of the film industry's most illustrious talents got early confirmation they were on the right track when they won Student Academy Awards.

Spike Lee, Robert Zemeckis, Pixar founder John Lasseter and "South Park" creator Trey Parker are just a few of the famous filmmakers who won honors from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences when they were college students.

The latest crop of winners will be feted on Saturday, when the 40th annual Student Academy Awards are presented at academy headquarters in Beverly Hills, Calif. Comedian Bob Saget, who won a Student Academy Award in 1978, will host the ceremony. The newest 16 winners represent nine U.S. universities and three foreign institutions, and likely the future of film.

Here, some past winners share memories of accepting their Student Academy Awards and how it affected their careers. Their comments were provided to The Associated Press by the



**This undated publicity photo provided by the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences shows Spike Lee, left, winner, Dramatic Merit Award for "Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads," and Academy president Fay Kanin at the 1983 (10th) Student Academy Awards ceremony in Beverly Hills, Calif.**

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motion picture academy: — **JOHN LASSETER**, whose credits as writer and director include "Toy Story," "Toy Story 2," "A Bug's Life" and "Cars," is still proud of his two Student Academy

Awards won in 1979 and 1980.

"Being the first two-time winner of the Student Academy Award, I got to tell you, I still hold those prizes as some of the highest hon-

ors I've ever received," said the 56-year-old. "I've got two Academy Awards. I've got some Emmys. I've got some Golden Globes. ... But the two Student Academy Awards are two of the things that I'm most proud of because they were the first things that I won. And they gave me confidence ... to keep trusting my own instinct."

— **BOB SAGET** is best known as a comic and actor, a star of the long-running sitcom "Full House." He won his Student Academy Award for an 11-minute documentary he directed that he describes as, "black and white, about my nephew Adam, who had his face reconstructed."

"I think that Adam is the reason that I was even recognized by the Academy," said Saget, 57. "I filmed him and his beautiful spirit. And it was just his courage, and that's why."

Saget still considers the honor "a pretty important moment" in his life.

"When I found out that I was being flown out, that was like winning a beauty contest. I couldn't even believe that it happened. I was on local television in

Philadelphia," he said. "It's about as exciting as anything could (be)."

— **PETE DOCTER** won an Oscar as a producer of 2009's best animated feature, "Up," which he also wrote and directed. His first Academy Award came in 1992 for his student film, "Next Door," which helped launch his career.

"It was a huge encouragement to me," said Docter, 44. "You know, you come out of school, you don't really know what's going on. You feel like you're alone. You don't really understand how this whole business works. And then, something like this comes along and suddenly it's a peek into a world that you would not have otherwise. You'd have no access to this. So, I think it is absolutely fantastic and really a great thing that Academy members who care about future generations are able to contribute directly and reach out and kind of communicate with the future filmmakers in the world."

— **KEN KWAPIS** works as a director of TV and film, with credits including "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." □



**In an April 1, 2010 photo Ben Tucker performs for his 80th Birthday Celebration at the Charles H. Morris Center in Savannah Ga. during the Savannah Music Festival.**

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**RUSS BYNUM**

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**SAVANNAH, Georgia (AP)**

— Musician Ben Tucker performed with stars from Quincy Jones to Peggy Lee before he settled in the

## Georgia jazz musician killed in car crash

1970s in Savannah, where the jazz bassist became one of the Georgia city's best-known working musicians.

He was killed in a car crash Tuesday at age 82.

Tucker was driving a golf cart across a road on Hutchinson Island when a car slammed into him at high speed, said Savannah-Chatham County police spokesman Julian Miller. Tucker was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The driver of the car that struck him was charged with vehicular homicide and other criminal counts.

The news stunned musicians and jazz enthusiasts in Savannah, where Tucker had been a musical fixture for roughly four decades. Tucker made his living playing upright bass — an instru-

ment he'd named Bertha and claimed was 240 years old — in all sorts of settings from jazz festivals to wedding receptions, from nightclub gigs to bar mitzvahs.

"One of the most interesting things about playing with Ben was he was so beloved by so many people in Savannah who had met him at his club or whose weddings he had played," said Howard Paul, a jazz guitarist who played and recorded with Tucker for more than 20 years. "You could count on being interrupted at least three times in a song because Savannahians would walk up and shake his hand while we were playing."

Before he moved to the Georgia coast, Tucker had some success as a songwriter — perhaps most no-

tably with "Comin' Home Baby," a song co-written with jazz vocalist Bob Dorough, which was recorded by Mel Torme, Herbie Mann and more recently Michael Buble. By the end of the 1960s, he had toured with Lee and performed and recorded with jazz greats such as Dexter Gordon, Buddy Rich and Jones.

Paul was a young Army lieutenant scheduled to deploy to Operation Desert Storm when he arrived in Savannah 22 years ago. A friend sent him to a nightclub Tucker operated at the time, and the bassist invited him on stage to play that night and all week.

"He was on the music scene for so many years and performed with many of the greatest names in jazz, yet he spent so much

time with local musicians and children as well," Paul said. "I think he grew up in an era of jazz musicians where they felt obligated to give back."

The Savannah Morning News reported Tucker was also a former owner of radio stations WSOK-AM and WLVI-FM.

Police said the crash that killed Tucker, who was also an avid golfer, remained under investigation. The driver of the car that hit Tucker's golf cart, identified as 52-year-old Robert William Martin of Spicewood, Texas, was being held without bond in the Chatham County jail on charges of vehicular homicide, racing and reckless driving. It was not immediately known Tuesday if Martin had an attorney. □



## Prisoners Of The Euro



ROSS DOUTHAT

© 2013 New York Times To its custodians and admirers, the European Union is the only force standing between its member states and the age-old perils of chauvinism, nationalism and war. That was the pointed message that the Nobel Committee sent last year, when it awarded the union a Peace Prize for its role in "the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights." And it is the message hammered home relentlessly by the Continent's politicians, who believe their citizens face a stark choice, in the words of Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, between continued integration and a return to "centuries of hatred and blood spill." But right now, the EU project isn't advancing democracy, liberalism and human rights. Instead, it is subjecting its weaker member states to an extraordinary test of their resilience, and conducting an increasingly perverse experiment in seeing how much stress liberal norms can bear. That stress takes the form of mass unemployment unseen in the history of modern Europe, and mass youth unemployment that is worse still. In the Continent's sick-man economies, the jobless rate for those under 25 now staggers the imagination: over 40 percent in Italy, over 50 percent in Spain, and over 60 percent in Greece.

For these countries, the eurozone is now essentially an economic prison, with Germany as the jailer and the common currency as the bars. No matter what happens, they face a future of stagnation - as aging societies with expensive welfare states whose young people will sit idle for years, unable to find work, build capital or start families. The question is whether they will face ideological upheaval as well. So far, the striking thing about the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, both in Europe and the United States, is how successfully the center has held. Power has passed back and forth between left and right, but truly radical movements have found little traction, and political violence has been mercifully rare.

In a sense, Francis Fukuyama's post-cold-war declaration of the "end of history" - by which he meant the disappearance of credible alternatives to liberal democracy and mixed-economy capitalism - has held up pretty well in the last five years. Amid the worst economic disaster since the Great Depression, illiberal societies like Egypt and Syria have faced political crises, but the developed

world has not. There has been no mass turn to fascism, no revival of Marxist economics, no coup d'états in Madrid or jackboots in Rome.

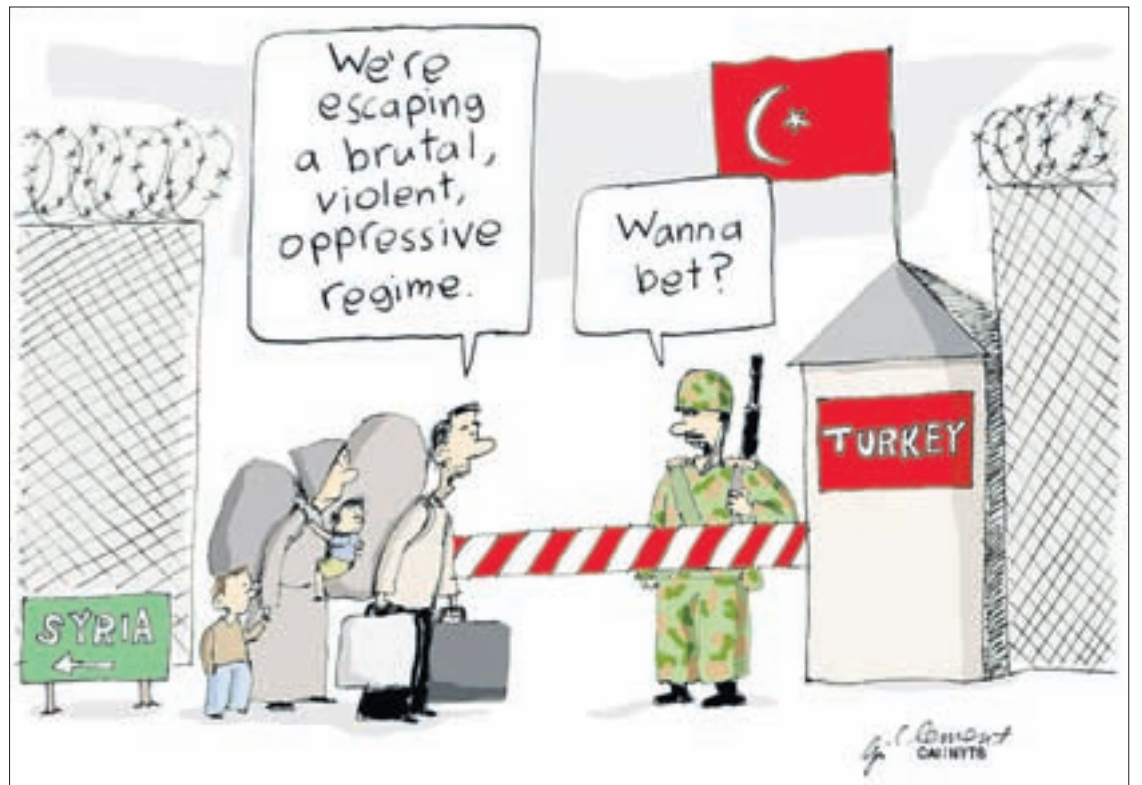
But you have to wonder whether the center can hold permanently, if unemployment remains so extraordinarily high. How must liberal democracy and mixed-economy capitalism look to young people in the south of Europe right now? How stable is a political and ideological settlement that requires the rising generation to go without jobs, homes and children because the European project supposedly depends on it? And for that matter, how well is the Continent's difficult integration of Muslim immigrants likely to proceed in a world where neither natives nor immigrants can find work?

Already, the Greek electorate has been flirting with empowering a crypto-communist "coalition of the radical left," even as a straightforwardly fascist party gains in the polls as well. Hungary's conservative government has tiptoed toward authoritarianism. Spain has seen huge street protests whose organizers aspire to imitate the Arab Spring. And lately, Sweden, outside the eurozone but not immune to its youth unemployment problems, has been coping with unsettling, highly un-Scandinavian riots in immigrant neighborhoods.

These perturbations do not threaten democracy in Europe yet, and maybe they never will. Maybe the liberal democratic consensus is so bred into the bone that no amount of elite misgovernment can persuade Europe's younger generation to turn against it. Maybe nothing can end the end of history. But for the countries facing a youth unemployment crisis, that still seems like an awfully risky bet to make.

Yet there's a Catch-22 facing Greeks and Spaniards and Italians looking for an alternative to just staying the course. As wrenching as it would be, the option that would do the most to defang extremists of the left and the right would probably be to abandon the euro immediately, with each country regaining control of its own fiscal and monetary policy and seeing what options open up. But at the moment, the only people arguing for that course are ... the extremists of the left and the right!

For that to change, more of the Continent's political elites would need to recognize that their beloved integration project may actually be threatening Europe's long democratic peace. For now, there simply aren't enough responsible people ready to unwind what should never have been knitted together in the first place. But with every increase in the unemployment rate, the odds get better that irresponsible and illiberal figures will end up unwinding it instead. □



## The Geezers Are All Right



PAUL KRUGMAN

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Last month the Congressional Budget Office released its much-anticipated projections for debt and deficits, and there were cries of lamentation from the deficit scolds who have had so much influence on our policy discourse. The problem, you see, was that the budget office numbers looked, well, OK: Deficits are falling fast, and the ratio of debt to gross domestic product is projected to remain roughly stable over the next decade. Obviously it would be nice, eventually, to actually reduce debt. But if you've built your career around proclamations of imminent fiscal doom, this definitely wasn't the report you wanted to see.

Still, we can always count on the baby boomers to deliver disaster, can't we? Doesn't the rising tide of retirees mean that Social Security and Medicare are doomed unless we radically change those programs now now?

Maybe not. To be fair, the reports of the Social Security and Medicare trustees released Friday do suggest that America's retirement system needs some significant work. The ratio of Americans older than 65 to those of working age will rise inexorably over the decades ahead, and this will translate into rising spending on Social Security and Medicare as a share of national income.

But the numbers aren't nearly

as overwhelming as you might have imagined, given the usual rhetoric. And if you look under the hood, the data suggest that we can, if we choose, maintain social insurance as we know it with only modest adjustments. Start with Social Security. The retirement program's trustees do foresee rising spending as the population ages, with total payments rising from 5.1 percent of GDP now to 6.2 percent in 2035, at which point they stabilize. This means, by the way, that all the talk of Social Security going "bankrupt" is nonsense; even if nothing at all is done, the system will be able to pay most of its scheduled benefits as far as the eye can see.

Still, it does look as if there will eventually be a shortfall, and the usual suspects insist that we must move right now to reduce scheduled benefits. But I've never understood the logic of this demand. The risk is that we might, at some point in the future, have to cut benefits; to avoid this risk of future benefit cuts, we are supposed to act preemptively by ... cutting future benefits. What problem, exactly, are we solving here? What about Medicare? For years, many people - myself included - have warned that Medicare is a much bigger problem than Social Security, and the latest report from the program's trustees still shows spending rising from 3.6 percent of GDP now to 5.6 percent in 2035. But that's a smaller rise than in previous projections. Why?

The answer is that the long-term upward trend in health care costs - a trend that has affected private insurance as well as Medicare - seems to have flattened out significantly over the past few years. Nobody is quite sure why, but there are indications that some of the cost-reducing measures contained in the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare, are actually starting to "bend the curve," just as

they were supposed to. And because there are a number of cost-reducing measures in the law that have not yet kicked in, there's every reason to believe that this favorable trend will continue.

Furthermore, there's plenty of room for more savings, if only because recent research confirms that Americans pay far more for health procedures than citizens of other advanced countries pay; that the price premium can and should be brought down, and when it is, Medicare's financial outlook will improve further.

So what are we looking at here? The latest projections show the combined cost of Social Security and Medicare rising by a bit more than 3 percent of GDP between now and 2035, and that number could easily come down with more effort on the health care front. Now, 3 percent of GDP is a big number, but it's not an economy-crushing number. The United States could, for example, close that gap entirely through tax increases, with no reduction in benefits at all, and still have one of the lowest overall tax rates in the advanced world.

But haven't all the great and the good been telling us that Social Security and Medicare as we know them are unsustainable, that they must be totally revamped - and made much less generous? Why yes, they have; they've also been telling us that we must slash spending right away or we'll face a Greek-style fiscal crisis. They were wrong about that, and they're wrong about the longer run, too.

The truth is that the long-term outlook for Social Security and Medicare, while not great, actually isn't all that bad. It's time to stop obsessing about how we'll pay benefits to retirees in 2035 and focus instead on how we're going to provide jobs to unemployed Americans in the here and now. □





# Breezy Summer Seafood Soup

A dish of shellfish minestrone with basil pesto.  
(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

**DAVID TANIS**

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As the days begin to get hot and we lean toward lighter fare, may I suggest ... soup? Not a thick, rib-sticking lentil soup from last season, but a summer soup, and not a chilled one. A soup that is light, brothy and full of vegetables, a satisfying one-dish lunch or dinner.

You may notice that it is quite similar to minestrone al pesto or soupe au pistou. But this rustic soup goes aquatic, adding shellfish (or bivalves and cephalopods if you want to quibble), which seem to go perfectly with beans, peas and basil (no nuts or cheese in the pesto, by the way). I have made fancier variations with shrimp, lobster, crab or scallops, but I find this simpler version just as good for a casual meal, maybe better. It's actually relatively inexpensive to make, too, and you'll be surprised how much flavor can be achieved with a pound of squid and a couple of dozen clams. The other key flavoring ingredient is homemade fish stock, which is so

ridiculously easy to make that you don't need a recipe. Your fishmonger will likely be happy to give you fish bones free. The ideal are somewhat meaty bones from any white-fleshed fish, and you need only 2 pounds. After rinsing them well in cool water, put them into a soup pot, cover with 8 cups of water and turn on the flame. Add, if you wish, a couple of scallions or a small sliced onion. That's it, except for leaving it alone for 30 minutes at just under a simmer while you have a cup of coffee. Pour the fish stock through a fine mesh strainer and you may proceed. Small effort, big difference. Not to neglect the vegetable aspects of the soup, though. Onion, celery and carrot are so much taken for granted, yet they are the foundation, flavor-wise, along with tomato and a touch of saffron. If fresh summer shell-beans are available at the market, definitely use those, but dried cannellini or even garbanzos are fine. Fresh sweet peas should be easy to get. And if you're

up to the task of blanching and peeling fava beans (delegate, delegate), you'll need 2 or 3 pounds in the pod. Diced green and yellow zucchini is another option. Once your ingredients are gathered and prepped, all of which can be done ahead, putting together this minestrone is very straightforward, and it takes just a half-hour to cook. You can even prepare the entire soup ahead and then add the final quick-cooking elements just before serving.

OK, soup's ready: check. Wine and bread: check. A swirl of brilliant green, garlicky pesto in each bowl, and we're off.

## SHELLFISH MINESTRONE WITH BASIL PESTO

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

For the pesto:

2 ounces fresh basil leaves, a large fistful  
1 ounce Italian parsley leaves and tender stems, a small handful  
2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped  
Salt and pepper  
1/2 cup olive oil

For the minestrone:

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, diced, about 2 cups  
1/2 cup diced celery  
1/2 cup diced carrot  
Salt and pepper  
Pinch red pepper flakes  
Pinch saffron  
8 garlic cloves, minced  
1 bay leaf  
Small bundle fresh thyme sprigs  
1 cup chopped tomato  
1 cup cooked cannellini beans or fresh shell beans  
24 littleneck clams, well rinsed  
7 cups hot fish stock or chicken broth  
1 pound squid, cut crosswise in 1/2-inch rings, plus tentacles  
1 cup small green peas  
1 cup blanched and peeled fava beans, optional  
1. Make the basil pesto: Put basil, parsley and 2 chopped garlic cloves into a blender. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Add 1/2 cup olive oil and purée on high speed, scraping down sides as necessary. Pour into a small serving bowl, cover tightly and set

aside.

2. Make the soup: Put 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat. Add onion, celery and carrot, season generously with salt and pepper and stir to coat. Cook for about 2 minutes, until softened. Add red pepper, saffron, 8 cloves minced garlic, bay leaf and thyme and let sizzle, then add tomato and simmer a few minutes more.

3. Stir in cannellini beans. Add clams, in one layer if possible, and 1 cup water. Turn heat to high and put on lid. Keep at a rapid simmer until all clams have opened, about 5 minutes. (If desired, remove clams, shuck them and return shucked clams to pot.) Add fish stock and bring to a simmer. Taste broth and adjust seasoning.

4. Just before serving, add squid, peas and fava beans, if desired, and simmer for 2 minutes. Ladle into shallow soup bowls and stir 2 teaspoons basil purée into each.

Yield: 4 to 6 main-course servings. □